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Cairo sees 'expansion' by Israel

CAIRO. — Egypt charged yesterday that Israel is working for expansion while talking about peace.

An official spokesman commented on Foreign Minister Abba Eban's declaration that Israel would not return to the 1967 lines without a peace agreement. He also referred to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's reported remark: "I prefer Sharm e-Sheikh without peace, to peace without Sharm e-Sheikh."

The spokesman said these statements "clearly expose the reality of Israel's expansionist policy." He said they show that when Israel talks about peace, it works in reality to force its expansionist policy on Arabs."

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad met yesterday with Egypt's former deputy chief of mission at the U.N., al-Aryan, who outlined Egyptian contacts in New York concerning the Middle East.

Ambassadors Mohammed Zayyat of Egypt and Yosef Tekoah of Israel had conferred, one after the other on Wednesday with U.N. envoy Gunnar Jarring.

In Alexandria, President Tito of Yugoslavia and President Sadat yesterday had private talks, continuing their discussions on the coordination of their policies on the Middle East.

The Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Vladimir Vinogradov, later conferred with President Tito and handed him an urgent message from Moscow, informed sources said. The Yugoslav President has been in close contact with Moscow during his stay in Egypt about the latest political developments. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Cabinet parley on Cairo reply seen indecisive

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Israel Cabinet took up the matter of the Egyptian reply to Dr. Jarring's latest proposals at its meeting yesterday which had originally been scheduled to be devoted exclusively to the Broadcasting Authority's annual budget. The discussion, following a presentation by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, lasted some two hours. No decision was taken on Israel's next move in the Jarring talks, and the Cabinet will take the matter up again at the next regular meeting on Sunday.

Details of the Egyptian reply are not available here, but the document has been described as the most far-reaching Egyptian attempt yet to meet Israel's demand for what Dr. Jarring in his proposals termed a "prior commitment" to make peace with Israel. Cairo is, however, believed to have made such a peace agreement conditional on the return of all the *Israel-held territories occupied* in the Six Day War — Sinai up to the international frontier (except for a U.N. force at Sharm el-Sheikh) as well as the Gaza Strip, which had reportedly been left unmentioned by Dr. Jarring.

The Egyptian reply was received by U.N. envoy Yosef Tekoah when he met Dr. Jarring on Wednesday.

The Egyptians are also said to have insisted, as a condition of peace, on the return of all the other Arab territories, Jordanian and Syrian, captured in June 1967, and on a satisfactory solution of the Palestine Arab refugee problem — but not, apparently, on the fulfillment of the national aspirations of the Palestine Arabs. (Only two days ago, appearing with Marshall Tito in Cairo, President Sadat made the point that the Palestine problem was not one of homeless refugees, but of a homeless nation.)

CAREFUL STUDY

The unusual wording of the Egyptian reply presented the Israel Cabinet with an unusual problem, and the feeling among Ministers was that it merited careful study and considered response, the more so since it represented, in effect, despite the Jarring address, a reaction to Israel's own note of last month to Cairo.

There was thought to be little chance that the Government would undertake to make the reciprocal territorial "prior commitment" suggested by Dr. Jarring — withdrawal to the international mandatory frontier, but leaving Gaza aside, and a U.N. force at Sharm el-Sheikh. There appeared to be no dissenters in the Cabinet to the proposition that the symmetry between demands for "peace" (Israel) and "territories" (Egypt), set by Dr. Jarring, is false and unacceptable.

The likelihood was rather that the Cabinet *might, in the end,* decide to welcome the Egyptian general statement of intent to make peace with Israel, and offer to test Egyptian sincerity through down-to-earth negotiations, preferably face-to-face, on the specific issues that divide the two countries.

Among these issues, the Cabinet was thought certain to list the drawing up of new, defensible borders, to replace both the present cease-fire lines and the old armistice lines which, according to a 19-year-old (1948-1967) Egyptian doctrine, had been strictly military demarcation lines, lacking in any political value whatever.

JARRING TALKS

Israel's withdrawal from the Jarring talks, to protest the Special Representative's unwarranted change of his mandate, is believed not to have been suggested to the Cabinet by any Minister.

There was also speculation in Jerusalem that the Cabinet might renew the bid to Egypt to clarify Sadat's proposal for the reopening of the Suez Canal, as a possible basis for some interim arrangement, pending a final peace agreement.

The reasons for the Egyptian about-face on peace with Israel were expected to engage politicians and analysts for some time. There was *some initial feeling in Jerusalem* that Cairo's reply to Dr. Jarring, assuming it was genuine, and not meant merely to embarrass Israel, could be traced largely to Egypt's military impotence.

Thant to report on Jerusalem building

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Secretary-General U Thant will report to the Security Council today on Israel's programme of building expansion in Jerusalem, it was officially announced here yesterday.

A U.N. spokesman announced U Thant's plan as Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad H. el-Farra reported that "the Israeli authorities have bulldozed parts of the premises of Government House," in Jerusalem.

The U.N. spokesman confirmed Dr. el-Farra's allegations that a bulldozing operation is now in progress around the U.N.-owned Government House.

The spokesman said that in light of recent reports from Jerusalem that the Israel Government intends to *build 35,000 housing units in* the hills around Jerusalem taken from Jordan in 1967, the Secretary-General "will submit a report on this matter to the Security Council and General Assembly."

The spokesman said that the Secretary-General would do so "in view of his reporting responsibilities" under Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Jerusalem.

The Security Council had adopted three resolutions in 1968 and 1969 *and the General Assembly* two resolutions in 1967, calling on Israel to refrain from unilateral action which might alter the status of Jerusalem.

Since Israel Minister of Housing Zeev Sharef announced the building programme on Monday, U.N. diplomats have been talking about the possibility of an emergency meeting of the Security Council on the question of Jerusalem.

But they expressed fear that a discussion on this issue might harm the peace talks now under way under Gunnar Jarring.

Ambassador el-Farra's allegations were contained in a letter to U Thant made public here yesterday. The Jordanian Ambassador asked that "a report on this new Israeli violation" be issued as urgently as *possible as an official document of* the Security Council.

The spokesman said that U Thant had begun preparing his report before Dr. el-Farra's request.

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Tito in Egypt

CHANCELLOR Willy Brandt of West Germany said recently that a solution to the Middle East conflict did not require the intervention of more outside factors, but rather greater effort by the parties themselves. This is a statement which President Tito might have considered with some profit before again venturing forth in his self-assigned role as mediator in the Arab-Israeli dispute, a venture which is certain to be as unsuccessful as his previous efforts.

In 1967 and 1968 the Yugoslav President took on this role in an evident attempt to extract Nasser from a difficult situation. It does not seem to have occurred to Marshal Tito that his close relations with Nasser, as well as the break in diplomatic relations between Belgrade and Jerusalem, were sufficient reasons to exclude him from the role of honest broker between the Israelis and Arabs. Any doubts about this were dissipated when President Tito formulated his proposals: they were, as could be expected, strongly biased in favour of the Arabs.

Following the failure of these attempts, President Tito stayed away from an active role for nearly two years, although his support of the Arabs always remained total. Now, despite political and economic difficulties at home, Tito is conducting in Egypt high-level talks centred around the conflict with Israel. We may know more about the talks when a *joint communique* is issued in Cairo tomorrow. But it seems that Tito, after sending messages about the Arab-Israeli conflict to the heads of the Big Four powers, intends sending them a new note summarizing his contacts in Cairo and giving them advice for new action.

One wonders why Tito believes he can tell the Four something they do not already know. It is true that he has friendly relations with the Egyptian leadership but so have the Soviets, the French and even the British. As for the Americans, their representative in Cairo sees the Foreign Minister as often as he requires and quite a number of messages were exchanged recently between Secretary Rogers and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad.

Moreover, the U.N. representatives of the Big Four have met more than 50 times to discuss all aspects of the Middle East dispute. Tito indeed has good relations with both Washington and Moscow. But the Soviets and the Americans require no intermediary and are well aware of each other's position in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

It would thus seem that the only reason for President Tito to have a particular interest in the conflict is his concern with the growing presence of the Soviet navy in the Mediterranean. But to have *forestalled* such a development, which may one day be quite dangerous for Yugoslavia, President Tito should have used his influence with Nasser.

Israel today has concerns other than the diplomatic initiatives of President Tito. But his discussions in Cairo and the hopes the Egyptians seem to have placed in his intervention pinpoint our basic problem with them: *to solve their conflict* with Israel they are ready to hold discussions with almost anyone except for the partners with whom face to face discussions could really bring peace in this region.

KAZAKOVS REUNITED

Yasha Kazakov welcoming his mother and father at Lod Airport last night. (Israel Sun photo))

LOD AIRPORT. — Five members of the family of Yasha Kazakov — his aged grandmother, his parents, Yosef and Sofia, and his brother and sister, Alexander and Vara — arrived here last night from Vienna.

With them came Eduard and Sara Gurevich, a Moscow couple who have been struggling to leave the Soviet Union for the last two years, and nine other Soviet Jews. Gurevich, an engineer, was a signatory on many of the petitions which have reached Israel — as was Yosef Kazakov, Yasha's father.

There were tearful reunions at the gangway to the plane in which they landed.

The Kazakovs told reporters they had a farewell party on the night before they left Moscow, at which 200 persons were present. Among the guests were the Drabkin family, whose exit visas were suspended until February 27 — after the Brussels convention on Soviet Jewry.

Yosef Kazakov said two other Moscow Jewish families were due to leave the Soviet Union shortly. Meanwhile, he reported, the Hebrew *ulpan* established by Anatol Dekatov is still functioning.

Referring to his son Yasha's hunger strike at U.N. Headquarters in New York last year, Yosef Kazakov said it may have delayed his own family's exit from Russia, but that it helped many other Jewish families to leave for Israel.

Truce chief expects new Jordan strife

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The head of the inter-Arab military observation team in Amman, Egyptian Brigadier Abdul-Hamid Hilmi, said yesterday that renewed fighting between government troops and terrorists in Jordan is likely to erupt again, due to the failure of both sides to abide by truce agreements.

In an interview in "Al Ahram" Brigadier Hilmi, now on home leave, said that there was no confidence between the two sides, and that both sides were breaching the agreement.

He said both sides had failed to release detainees they hold in their custody. The Government had also failed to return weapons captured from terrorists, and had failed to turn over the area of Umm Rummaneh in the Jordan Valley to the terrorists.

Brigadier Hilmi said that tension still existed in various parts of Jordan, noting that certain terrorist *elements were refusing to abide by* the truce agreements with the Government.

AMMAN (AFP). — The "prominent Soviet figure" who met on Monday with the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization was identified yesterday by Arab diplomatic sources as Vladimir Vinogradov, the Soviet Ambassador in Cairo. Also present at that meeting, in Jerash, were Fatah chief Yasser Arafat and the Soviet Ambassador in Amman, Anatoly Anisimov.

Soviet Jewish publicist: 'Figaro' distorts view

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Solomon Rabinovitch, a Soviet Jewish publicist, accused "Le Figaro" here yesterday of distorting the true situation of Soviet Jewry and of underestimating its role in public life and education.

In a letter to the French daily, Mr. Rabinovitch claimed that the *number of Jewish scientists in the* Soviet Union had increased from under 29,000 in 1958 to almost 59,000 in 1967. Jewish students had risen from 79,300 in 1963 to 110,000. There were 315 Jews for every 10,000 members of the academic community whereas the national average was only 182.

Mr. Rabinovitch, who said he was writing to repudiate a gloomy picture of Jewish life in the Soviet Union given by "Le Figaro," quoted the example of his two sons, who had both completed university courses.

Commenting on the disappearance of Yiddish, Mr. Rabinovitch wrote: "Only half a million Jews declared Yiddish as their *mother tongue.* This is a natural and completely free process of assimilation, which is also the characteristic of other nationalities in the Soviet Union."

Mr. Rabinovitch castigated the West for swamping its press with articles on the growth of Soviet anti-Semitism and the persecution of Jews. He added: "The reality of Soviet life proves the contrary."

Playing down the eagerness of Soviet Jews to emigrate, the writer *stressed that* Soviet Jews were imbued with profound patriotism

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Kidnap threat against B-G

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — Belgian police have warned organizers of next week's World Conference on Soviet Jews of threats to kidnap former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, a spokesman for the conference said here yesterday (see page 2).

David Suskind, a spokesman for the conference, said Belgian police had told organizers they had received threats of action against the delegates, who will meet in the Congress Palace here for three days to draw up a global strategy aimed at winning more rights for Soviet Jews.

Jarring 'initiative' based on Rogers Plan

The Rogers Plan of 1969 is what is basic to all the diplomatic moves in the latest round of Jarring talks, reports *Post* correspondent Erwin Frenkel in a special dispatch from Washington in today's Week-end Magazine.

American officials are reported to be saying that everything hinges on Israel's declaring its intention to withdraw, and they are said to believe she can be "persuaded" to do so.

Also in today's Magazine are articles and interviews on Social Welfare and Health, a criticism of Shulamit Aloni; heart disease studies showing that those who go to synagogue suffer fewer attacks; an interview with a women's "liberator"; photo report from Kerala; and a fashion report: hot pants are already on their way out.

HANOI SAYS U.S. MENACES CHINA

PARIS. — Hanoi charged yesterday that President Nixon was planning to extend the war to North Vietnam and threatening China. This was the first time that the North Vietnamese mentioned China as being directly threatened by a further extension of the Indo-China war.

The charge was made by chief North Vietnamese negotiator Xuan Thuy at yesterday's 103rd session of the deadlocked Vietnam peace talks. It followed President Nixon's statement on Wednesday night that there would be no limitation to American air power — short of nuclear weapons — and his assertion that should South Vietnamese troops move into the Communist North, the operation would have to gain his approval if U.S. forces were to be used in any way.

(Meanwhile, the Hungarian news agency reported from Peking that millions of Chinese demonstrated in several cities in support of a Government declaration denouncing in sharper terms than ever before "the aggressive actions of Americans in Laos and Cambodia."

(Demonstrations began last Sunday in Peking, continued in Shanghai and moved to Nanning and Kunming, provincial capitals closest to the Indo-Chinese border, the agency reported.)

Mr. Thuy's statement followed the signing in Peking of a pact for additional Chinese military aid to North Vietnam and reports from Hongkong that China had decided to double to 4,000 the number of Chinese instructors in North Vietnam.

Saigon reports said five more American helicopters were reported downed in Laos yesterday while South Vietnamese forces moving on the ground said they had cut three major supply branches of the Ho Chi Minh trail.

Sharp fighting was reported in Cambodia, where South Vietnamese troops also are making a parallel thrust aimed at Communist supply *lines and war stores,* and in the Central Highlands region of South Vietnam. Nearly 16,000 South Vietnamese troops now are operating in Laos and 23,000 are in Cambodia.

The reports of the latest helicopter losses in Laos came from military spokesmen and from field reports in the northern military zone. There was no complete count on casualties in the helicopter crashes.

One report from the field said that an observation helicopter flying at tree-top level was apparently hit by a rocket grenade, exploded in a ball of flames and the three men aboard

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SHAZAR TO SEE NIXON

President Shazar will meet President Richard Nixon next month during his visit to the U.S., the Government announced yesterday.

Mr. Shazar will also deliver the principal speech at the opening of the World Israel Bonds Conference *to be held in Miami Beach on March* 6.

Israeli killed by mine

The eldest son of Kibbutz Nirim in the Western Negev, 22-year-old Amir Avni, was killed yesterday when the tractor he was using to spray avocado trees hit an explosive charge.

The charge is believed to have been an anti-vehicle mine planted in the kibbutz grove by terrorists from the Gaza Strip.

In another incident, an Israeli civilian and a resident of Seje'iyeh were wounded in a grenade attack near Jebeliyeh.

The mine explosion occurred at 10 a.m., while Amir Avni was working in the grove, about a kilometre from the kibbutz itself. Another grove worker, who was standing nearby when it happened, said Avni touched off the mine when he backed up to turn the tractor around. He summoned help from the kibbutz and rushed Avni to the Negev Central Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The tractor was completely destroyed by the blast.

Amir, whose parents were among the founders of Nirim, will be buried there at one p.m. today.

At 7.20 yesterday morning, an unidentified person threw a hand-grenade into a truck about to transport Gaza Strip residents to work in Israel. The Israeli driver of the truck was slightly injured, as was one of the workers in the truck, a man from the Seje'iyeh Quarter of Gaza.

Seven suspects held

Seven persons have been arrested recently in the Nablus area on suspicion of membership in terrorist organizations, it was reported last night. These recent arrests followed the round-up of 31 terrorists in that area announced last week.

NO ENTRY TO THE HERMON ON SATURDAY WITHOUT AN ADMISSION STICKER

Stickers for private cars are on advance sale at the "Egged Tours" city offices and the guest-houses in Upper Galilee. Limited number only.

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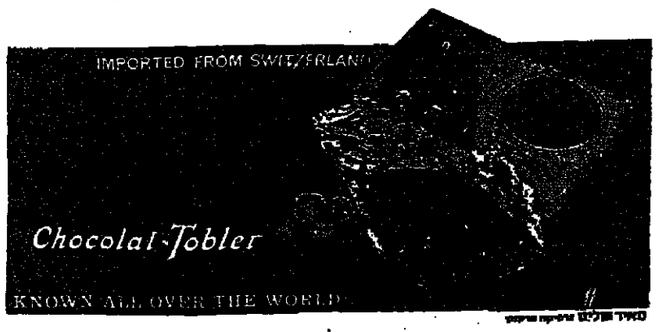

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MOSCOW STEPS UP DRIVE AGAINST ZIONIST MOVES

MOSCOW. — "Pravda" yesterday accused Zionist agents of collusion with the Nazis in World War II and linked Zionist anti-Soviet activities with events in Czechoslovakia in 1968. A lengthy article in the Soviet Communist party newspaper alleged that the World Jewish Congress and other branches of international Zionism were "an international espionage centre and a smoothly operating service for misinformation and slander."

The attack follows fierce criticism in the Soviet press of next Tuesday's World Jewish Congress meeting in Brussels, called to discuss the situation of Soviet Jews. TASS has described the meeting as an anti-Soviet provocation aimed at diverting attention from "Israeli aggression against Arab countries."

The article, the first of two on the subject to be carried by "Pravda," said European Zionists had "stained their reputation by a foul alliance with the Nazis."

The article added: "After the war, the Zionists put themselves fully under the patronage of U.S. monopoly capital . . . branches of the international Zionist concern, both in Israel and in other countries of the so-called free world, began actively to promote the reactionary foreign policy course of the U.S."

Meanwhile, Soviet Jews prominent in the literary and military fields protested to the Belgian Government yesterday over the forthcoming WJC meeting and suggested it might hurt Soviet-Belgian relations.

TASS said the "open letter" of protest was signed by writer Heinrich Hoffmann, poetess Viletta Palchinskaite, Col.-Gen. David Dragunsky, military hero Polina Gelnand, and Aaron Vergelis, editor of the country's only Yiddish-language magazine, among others.

The letter was part of the intensive propaganda campaign the Soviets have been waging against the convention.

A Soviet magazine yesterday used a lampoon titled "humbuggery — a farce in three non-acts," to attack alleged lack of action by U.S. authorities against militant Jews who harass Soviets in America.

The English-language edition of "New Times," a Soviet weekly of world affairs, sharpened its pen with this prologue: "The action takes place in New York. No action takes place in Washington. All action performed by Zionists. No action performed by police and FBI. Sham action performed by Chairman and Secretary."

COUNTER-MEETING

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BRUSSELS. — The Belgo-Soviet Friendship Society has announced that it will be holding a mass meeting on Monday. They are planning to bring for their meeting Gen. Dragunsky, Vladimir Feller, a member of the Supreme Soviet, and Samuel Ziv, chairman of Soviet jurists.

All three are prominent Soviet Jews engaged in whitewashing the Jewish policy of the Soviet authorities. A spokesman for the Society said that the three would answer questions at the meeting. He also said that a film would be shown, titled "We were Born Here"

Two cables from the Soviet Union have been received in Brussels by the Secretariat preparing the WJC conference. The first cable reads. "We wish you success in your efforts and we hope that it will achieve fruitful results." It is signed by Meir Selfond, Alexander Balabanov, Lev Freidin, Jacob Roninson, Joseph Kerier and Karl Malkin. The cable came from Moscow.

The second cable came from Oriel. It reads "Wishing you success and unity." It is signed by Karl and Raya Frusin.

A conference spokesman said in Brussels yesterday that the conference was not an anti-Soviet move in any way. The spokesman pointed out that the Brussels conference had three aims: It would call the attention of the free world to the position of Soviet Jews; it would plan the efforts to secure for Soviet Jews the minority rights enjoyed by other ethnic groups in the Soviet Union; it would demonstrate the solidarity of the Jewish people with the three million Jews in the Soviet Union. "The world conference of Jewish communities on Soviet Jewry is dedicated to human rights; it is not an anti-Soviet move and it is not part of the cold war," the spokesman concluded.

Eyewitness reports by the latest Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union will highlight the opening session of the three-day conference. Six hundred delegates from 40 countries are expected to attend.

Speakers will include Mr. David Ben-Gurion of Israel, Arthur Goldberg and Representative Emmanuel Celler of the U.S., Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France and Lord Janner.

Men from a nearby regiment clear wreckage at the Palace Bar in Hollywood. Northern Ireland, after a gelignite bomb exploded there on Wednesday. Nine persons were injured, including five in the bar, and two other shops were damaged. (AP radiophoto)

Armoured cars arrived in Reggio yesterday to guard bulldozers knocking down barricades in the rebellious city. (AP radiophoto)

Reggio barriers torn down

REGGIO CALABRIA (AP). — Police bulldozers, flanked by armoured cars, razed barricades yesterday in the Santa Caterina section of this city which has been in revolt for months against the Government.

As about 3,000 police finished the cleanup, shots rang out from a group of residents. No one was reported hit. Police dispersed the demonstrators with tear gas.

Santa Caterina and the Sbarre neighbourhood have been militant holdouts against a decision naming rival Catanzaro the capital of the Calabrian region. Under the compromise decision, the regional legislature will meet in Reggio.

Four columns of bulldozers and armoured cars moved through the streets of Santa Caterina and met no resistance in the early phases of demolition. Some women accosted policemen and shouted insults. But no aroused militants appeared to challenge the bulldozers until they were on their way out of the area.

In Rome, the Chamber of Deputies decided to open an urgent investigation into the rebellion. The investigation was aimed at finding out the political colouration of the revolt and the persons responsible for it. The investigation was requested by Christian Democrat Deputy Giuseppe Reale, who had threatened to start a hunger strike if the Chamber did not accept his request.

Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received Rabbi Y. H. Lookstein, Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, and Rabbi S. T. Stern of Miami Beach, Florida.

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The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Arthur Agstner, yesterday awarded the Golden Decoration of Honour for service rendered the Austrian Republic to two Israel journalists, Moshe Maisels of "Ma'ariv" and Shimon Samet of "Ha'aretz," at his Ramat Gan residence. Present at the ceremony, among others, were the mayors of Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan and the chairman of the Israel Journalists Association.

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The President of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. Mark Mosevics, gave a dinner at the Gondola Restaurant in Tel Aviv yesterday for the visiting delegation of the Italian Institute of Industrial Reconstruction, headed by Mr. Romolo Arena.

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Dr. Moshe Avidor has resumed the post of Director of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Dr. Haim Yahil, who served in this post during the last three years, has relinquished it for reasons of health.

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Mr. Geoffrey Hanson has been appointed sales manager of the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held yesterday at the grave of Arye Ben Eliezer, the late Deputy Speaker of the Knesset and Herut leader, at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery, on the first anniversary of his death. Among those present were Mr. Menahem Begin and other Members of Knesset of various parties, and former members of underground movements.

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A graveside memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 21, 1971, at 3 p.m., at the Military Cemetery in Jerusalem, for Sergeant Benjamin (Beni) Toch on the first anniversary of his death on active service.

Syria approves 1971 budget

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — The Syrian Cabinet yesterday approved a general budget for 1971 totalling £287m. — an increase of about £9m. over last year's budget.

Finance Minister Nourallah Nourallah said the budget took into consideration as far as possible a balance between the requirements of development and defence.

Allocations for development and investments amount to £142m. while general expenditure amounts to £144m.

Development allocations in general go to oil and power plans, the Euphrates Dam and industrial and agricultural projects contained in the third five-year plan which went into effect at the beginning of the year.

Arab airline is *treif*

BEIRUT (Reuter). — An Arab airline yesterday denied it had served kosher meals — prepared by El Al — to its Moslem passengers.

The Lebanese carrier, Middle East Airlines-Air Liban, said it "categorically denies that it ever deals with El Al or serves kosher food to its passengers."

Reports of kosher food on Arab planes were said to have been published in the West German newspaper "Frankfurter Allegemeine" and the "International Herald Tribune" of Paris.

Tanker explodes, sinks off Spain

CADIZ, Spain (UPI). — The Norwegian tanker Ferncastle exploded and apparently broke in two off the Spanish coast Wednesday night, a Spanish Naval Command spokesman said yesterday. A radio message picked up by a coast station said the vessel had sunk.

The command spokesman said the 500-ton Spanish cargo ship Navipeso had picked up 36 survivors of the explosion aboard the 52,510-ton Ferncastle, in the Atlantic Ocean about 560 kms. from Cadiz. Seven crew members of the Ferncastle were missing, the spokesman said.

The Cadiz coast radio station said it overheard a report to Gibraltar coastal radio saying the Ferncastle sank late Wednesday night. The report came from a Greek ship.

Egypt rejects Jordan envoy

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt has turned down the nomination of a former Jordanian Foreign Minister for the post of *Jordan's ambassador to Cairo*, "Al Ahram" revealed yesterday. The paper expressed Egypt's displeasure at the nomination of Dr. Akram Z'aiter to replace the outgoing ambassador of Jordan, Dr. Hazem Nuseibeh.

In a front-page story, "Al-Ahram" charged that Dr. Z'aiter was known for his anti-Egyptian attitude. It said that he had written articles in hostile newspapers against Cairo, its policies and leaders.

The newspaper added that although Dr. Z'aiter had the right to express his opinion freely "the matter takes a different aspect when Cairo finds itself faced with a request nominating him as accredited ambassador of the Jordanian government under conditions requiring absolute confidence in the exchange of views." "A-Ahram" added that there was still time for the Jordanian government to reconsider its "*mistake, which may not have been* intentional."

Dr. Z'aiter, a professor of history, has come to be known, especially in the aftermath of the Six Day War, as a shrewd critic of the entire Arab political establishment. The Jordanian government is believed to have chosen him for Cairo to cope with Egypt's growing sympathy with the Palestinians against the Jordanian establishment. Dr. Z'aiter is a Palestinian himself.

He has taught in Nablus and Acre and edited "Mir'at a-Sharq" (Image of the East), and has been a member of several Palestinian institutions including the "All-Palestine Government" of 1949. He is the author of several books, including "Our History," "Mission to a Continent," "The Palestine Cause" and "An Essay in Federation."

Polish seaman seeks U.S. asylum

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP). — Atlantic City Hospital disclosed Wednesday that a Polish seaman who was treated by the hospital asked for political asylum and has been turned over to U.S. authorities.

The seaman, Krystian Kulczewski, 23, of Grunwalolska, Poland, was picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Polish fishing trawler Otawa in the Atlantic Ocean off Atlantic City February 10, when the trawler asked medical aid for him. He was treated for a kidney disease and recovered.

U.N.R.W.A. teachers in Lebanon strike

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Most of the 1,000 teachers employed in Lebanon by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency are on strike for better working conditions.

Palestinian sources here said the strike, which began Wednesday, affected most of the U.N.R.W.A. schools and institutes in the country. The strike is in protest against the closing of a vocational training centre and in support of demands for new schools and classrooms, the sources said.

Paris students stage sit-ins

PARIS (Reuter). — Students yesterday staged silent sit-in demonstrations at 20 Paris high schools and marched through the streets in a day of protest at the jailing of 18-year-old schoolboy Gilles Guiot.

Top classes in all lycee schools here were again paralysed by strikes which have been staged for most this week over the three-month sentence on Guiot for punching a policeman. Fellow students say he was not involved in the attack on the policeman, and were angry that he was sentenced on the testimony of one person.

Hundreds of students marched through the streets of Versailles and Paris suburbs, in separate demonstrations yesterday morning. About 500 others marched in Paris, but police did not try to stop them.

Cables in brief

FLUORIDATION. — More than 5,000 U.S. communities with populations totalling more than 82 million are now adding fluorides to their public water supplies to improve dental health.

TOKYO. — The population of Tokyo, the world's largest city, reached 11,400,596 on January 1, 1971 — an increase of 91,450 during 1970, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government announced yesterday.

COSMOS. — The Soviet Union yesterday launched the 395th unmanned satellite in its top-secret Cosmos programme, Tass reported.

DIVORCE. — The Los Angeles Superior court has issued a divorce decree ending the 26-year marriage of Burl Ives, rotund ballad singer and actor, and Helen Peck Ives. A judge ordered the 62-year-old Ives to pay $2,000 monthly alimony. Mrs. Ives, 54, is the entertainer's former business manager.

STUDENTS. — About 13,000 Moroccan students yesterday returned to their studies to end a month-long strike to protest at prison sentences meted out to secondary school pupils and back demands for educational reforms. The strike was called off without any of the students' demands having been met.

Swiss issue hijack warning

ZURICH (UPI). — Federal police recently warned security officials at Switzerland's four major airports — Zurich, Geneva, Basle and Bern — that the danger of new airliner hijackings by Palestinian terrorists is rising again, a Swiss air safety official confirmed yesterday.

The warning was based on information given the Swiss Foreign Ministry by the French Embassy in Amman and was distributed to police, airline and aviation board officials.

The danger is that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine might try to regain lost membership and influence with spectacular hijackings, the warning said.

Italian Premier meets with Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP). — Italian Premier Emilio Colombo and U.S. President Richard Nixon conferred for 70 minutes yesterday and the White House said later that their meeting was "very cordial and detailed."

Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President assured Mr. Colombo of his deep interest in the security of the Mediterranean and that they discussed joint efforts with other countries "to protect Western interests in the area."

More bomb explosions in Turkey

ANKARA (AP) — Four explosions in Istanbul and one in Ankara early yesterday continued the wave of urban terrorism in Turkey.

In Istanbul bombs smashed windows at the American-Turkish Foreign Trade Bank and Turkish Airlines headquarters. Others exploded in a house where police theorized explosives were being manufactured, and near a building housing an American military logistics unit.

In Ankara a bomb exploded, breaking windows in a residential district where many Americans live. No injuries were reported in any of the bombings. Two youths were taken into custody in connection with the Ankara incident.

The bombings came as police continued to search for armed Turkish extremists who kidnapped an American airman Monday and released him 17 hours later.

Three children were injured by a time bomb in an Ankara high school Wednesday. The device, disguised in a packet of tea, exploded when the students found it in the grounds. One student had the fingers of one hand blown off and another was badly wounded in the stomach. The third suffered minor injuries. *(AP, Reuter)*

Apparently upset by his long hair and activism, the congregation of Temple Shaaray Tefila in New York voted on Tuesday to dismiss Rabbi Philip Schechter. The Rabbi said his hair was as long as it is now when he was recruited last June from a temple in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he had served for six years. (AP radiophoto)

Amin frees friend from Uganda jail

KAMPALA (UPI). — General Idi Amin, military head of state since the January 25 *coup*, yesterday released former Vice-President Sir Wilberforce Nadiope from jail. The two men are old colleagues from the World War II Burma campaign where they fought with British forces.

Nadiope had been jailed for fraud in an insurance scandal but Gen. Amin said in a ceremony at his Parliament offices the former Vice-President had given loyal service to Uganda.

Malagasy Republic Gov't dissolved

TANANARIVE, Madagascar (AP). — President Philibert Tsiranana on Wednesday night dissolved the Government of the Malagasy Republic, Radio Tananarive announced.

No official reason was given immediately for the dissolution of the Government which Tsiranana put into office after legislative elections last September.

Sen. Kennedy's secretary raped

WASHINGTON (AP). — A secretary to Sen. Edward Kennedy was raped and robbed Wednesday afternoon after she had been abducted less than three blocks from the nation's Capitol, police reported.

The 36-year-old woman told officers she had just left the new Senate Office Building and was entering her car when a man approached and asked directions to the Capitol. The man then drew a pistol and pushed her into the car after she pointed out the building. He drove to a nearby alley where he searched her purse and took $22, she reported.

The man then drove to a vacant garage in an alley and assaulted her, the woman told police. He fled on foot.

HUIFKAR PRIMAVERA
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Warsaw Pact F.M.s meet in Bucharest

VIENNA (Reuter). — Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers opened a two-day meeting in Bucharest yesterday to discuss problems on the preparation of an all-European conference on security and cooperation.

The seven East European Foreign Ministers are expected to issue a communique following their meeting, designed to promote Western interest in an all-European assembly at the earliest moment.

Before committing themselves to a date and an agenda the Western states are anxious to see substantial progress on the talks about West Berlin and on other issues — such as a scaling down of East and West European armed forces.

Foreign Ministers taking part in the talks are Andrei Gromyko of Russia, Ivan Bashev of Bulgaria, Jan Marko of Czechoslovakia, Otto Winzer of East Germany, Janos Peter of Hungary, Stefan Jedrychowski of Poland, and Corneliu Manescu of Rumania.

In Berlin, the four-power talks on the city moved into a framework of active negotiations yesterday, Western allied sources disclosed. For the first time, an official communique referred to the talks as "negotiations."

The apparent move forward came a week after the Western allies presented a new position paper to the Russian side. Allied sources said the East-West dialogue was proceeding in terms of reference to the allied paper.

There was no word of actual progress, however, in the 15th meeting of U.S., British, French and Soviet ambassadors to divided Germany. The next meeting was set for March 9.

Another Polish chief resigns

WARSAW (AP). — Another provincial party chief in Communist Poland resigned from his post yesterday — the fourth in 48 hours, Warsaw Radio announced. The latest man to fall from power in a major revamp of party executives is Marian Miskiewcz, first secretary of Opole, southwestern Poland.

The announcement said he has been replaced by Jozef Kardysz, an agricultural specialist.

Party weeklies have aired workers' discontent in the province recently.

Only Wednesday, three other party chiefs resigned their posts.

Pakistani plaint on airline flights

RAWALPINDI (AP) — Pakistan has complained to the International Civil Aviation Organization about India's ban on Pakistani flights over Indian territory, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said Pakistan also rejected direct negotiations with India on the dispute, triggered by the hijacking and destruction in Lahore of an Indian Airlines plane, and again urged a settlement of the issue which is costing Pakistani Airlines the equivalent of $23,000 a day.

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Gaullists split on eve of vote

Late general's brother-in-law, aide quit

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — As France prepares to elect its new municipal councils next month, the Gaullists have received an unwelcome jolt to their much vaunted unity: the resignation from the party of General de Gaulle's brother-in-law Jacques Vendroux and of his former Minister of Education, Christian Fouchet. The two veteran politicians announced last week that, although they will continue to vote for the government in the National Assembly, they will henceforth refuse the Gaullist whip. Their walk-out could not have been timed for a more embarrassing moment. For in the coming weeks the General's supporters have a single objective: to display their unity in the confrontation with the makeshift coalitions of Radicals, Socialists and sometimes even Communists on hustings throughout the country.

Curious situation

The resignations of Vendroux and Fouchet were prompted by a curious electoral situation which has arisen in Lyons where the Mayor, Louis Pradel, is fielding a list of candidates ranging from stalwart orthodox Gaullists to dissident Socialists. Among his contenders Pradel has included his old friend Jacques Soustelle, a former Minister of de Gaulle who broke with him over his decision to grant independence to Algeria and went into exile for over six years. Soustelle had been Algeria's Governor-General and considered independence a betrayal of the European settlers, the "Black Feet" who were compelled to seek asylum across the Mediterranean when France's last North African colony was turned into a blood-bath by the terrorists of the Secret Army Organisation. Soustelle was probably the first Frenchman to realize that withdrawal from Algeria would inevitably be followed by de Gaulle's courtship of the Arabs and the abandonment of Israel. He warned David Ben-Gurion when he came to France in 1960. But few Israelis believed Soustelle's warning. When he visited Israel in 1966 while still in exile the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in its eagerness not to offend Paris, decided to despatch the most junior official they could respectably send to meet him at Lod. The choice fell on the able young Avraham Primor who was then in charge of the Ministry's French Desk and is today Press Attache here.

Founded own party

Soustelle returned to France after the tumult which swept the nation during the strikes and student riots of 1968. He recently founded his own political party, Progress and Liberty, and was chosen by Pradel for a top place on a campaign list which the Mayor has somewhat pretentiously designated by his own initials *P.R.A.D.E.L., an abbreviation of the* title "Party for the Active Achievement of the Hopes of Lyons." For Soustelle the impending campaign is a home-coming, for he represented Lyons in the National Assembly for almost ten years. But the presence of a man whom they regard as a renegade has caused much heart-searching in the Gaullist ranks. Defence Minister Michel Debré publicly castigated Soustelle's inclusion in the Pradel list when he came down to Lyons to address an election rally. Soustelle has set true-blue Gaullists exactly the sort of dilemma which their party paraphrase on page 20 of its 100-page "Manual for the Perfect Candidate." The booklet proclaims: "The Gaullist candidate must be remarked for his strictly moral behaviour in his political undertakings, in the choice of men and of methods, in his programme and also for his clearheadedness, seriousness, devotion and methodical approach."

Although neither Fouchet nor Vendroux were contesting seats in Lyons, they found it even more difficult than their colleagues to stomach Soustelle. Fouchet declared: "No subterfuge can hide the fact that the party management approves the joining of forces with a politician who has repeatedly expressed his hostility to everything de Gaulle did after his return to office. I intend to remain true to myself. I have followed de Gaulle for 30 years and for 20 of these I conducted a political struggle for a national ideal and not to get municipal councillors elected by alliances which I consider contrary to political morality." Soustelle retorted: "There have always been people who claim to be the sole possessors of the Gaullist tablets and who claim to carry a chip of the cross of Lorraine as a badge. Today everybody recognises that General de Gaulle's Algerian policy was a terrible fiasco! This can be seen from the current negotiations with Monsieur Boumedienne. Since M. Fouche, as a senior government servant, played a very important role in this fiasco, perhaps he has felt himself particularly exposed."

Moment to relax

The left-wing leader Francois Mitterrand relished the opportunity afforded by the Gaullists' discomfort to forget for a moment the internal difficulties of his own uneasy coalition. "I have always thought that the present majority was doomed to undergo serious upheavals," said Mitterrand. The brusque exit of Messrs. Fouchet and Vendroux is in fact more than a token of the dissatisfaction of two individual politicians with the way in which the Gaullist heritage is being administered by the legatees. Among the die-hard members of the party there has been a lot of unhappy murmuring about the liberties which President Pompidou and Premier Chaban-Delmas have been taking with the General's hallowed doctrine. Pompidou's repeated harpings on an "opening" towards the other parties of the French political spectrum are infuriating many more Gaullists than the few like Fouchet and Vendroux who dare state their views openly. Pompidou, of course, has an eye on the next general election two years hence, when he will probably need all the allies whom he can muster. But Fouchet is probably right when he asks: "If General de Gaulle had lived three months longer, would there have been an alliance made with Soustelle?" Perhaps not. Pompidou and Chaban-Delmas are now anxiously wondering whether they will soon have more resignations on their hands. But this cloud could have a silver lining. With the hard-line liege men of the General out of the way, his successor will have his hands free to run the party in his own way.

Nixon warns N. Vietnam against retaliatory drive

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon on Wednesday warned Hanoi not to launch a major offensive in retaliation for Saigon's thrust into Laos, saying he was prepared to use the full might of U.S. air power to protect American troops in South Vietnam.

The President, speaking at a press conference called at short notice in his office, said the only limitation he had placed on American air power needed in the Indo-China war was to rule out the use of nuclear weapons. He gave a broad hint that he might resume the full-scale bombing of North Vietnam if Hanoi began pouring troops through the Demilitarised Zone separating the two Vietnams now that its supply lifeline along the Ho Chi Minh Trail through Laos was under attack.

But he expressed confidence that Hanoi would not start massive infiltration of troops and supplies across the border into South Vietnam.

May attack North

Mr. Nixon left open the possibility that the South Vietnamese might want to launch an offensive against Communist supply lines in North Vietnam itself. But he said any American air support would have to be approved by him.

Pressed repeatedly to discuss any South Vietnamese crossing into North Vietnam, he insisted: "I am not going to speculate on what they will or will not do. But any American participation has to be approved here, and any South Vietnamese decision with regard to what they do would depend on American cooperation..."

The President was in a determined mood as he discussed the war and his refusal to speculate about a possible South Vietnamese push into the North was seen mainly as a further effort to keep Hanoi guessing about his future plans and how far Washington was prepared to go. Most diplomatic observers believe Mr. Nixon would be unlikely to authorise a move against Communist sanctuaries in North Vietnam itself.

Not threat to China

The President gave an assurance that the current offensive against the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos was not a threat to China and should not be interpreted as one in Peking. "I don't believe the Chinese have any reason to interpret this as a threat against them or any reason to react to it," he said.

Mr. Nixon pledged that U.S. troop withdrawals from Vietnam will continue and predicted he would be able to speed it up if the Laotion operation was successful. He also made a new attempt to prod Hanoi into beginning significant negotiations at the deadlocked Paris peace talks, and warned that no further concessions could be expected from the U.S. Time was running out for Hanoi, the President added, because as American troops withdrew it would have to deal more and more with an increasingly strong South Vietnam.

Encouraged — not too optimistic about Mid-East

ON other topics in President Nixon's 40-minute press conference, his first since December 10, he expressed cautious hopes about the Middle East, saying he was encouraged although not overly optimistic by moves to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The President said Egypt had recently been more forthcoming about its attitude towards a settlement and he thought Israel had been pursuing the same course. He also hoped the Suez cease-fire would be extended beyond March 7, when it is due to expire, and warned that neither side would gain anything by resuming hostilities.

Mr. Nixon, noting a Soviet submarine had been spotted in Cuban waters, renewed his warning to Moscow about servicing nuclear submarines in the island.

Peking increase exports to Arabs

NEW YORK (INA). — CHINESE exports to the Arab States showed a sharp increase in 1970, the "New York Times" reported on Wednesday. It said the economic increases followed a resumption of Peking's political activity in the Middle East during the past year.

The paper said Chinese exports to the Arabs increased by more than $200m. last year. They included flyswatters, pencil sharpeners, tea, frozen foods, chemicals and some industrial products.

The greatest increase in exports were to Southern Yemen, the Sudan and Lebanon, the paper said, though Kuwait and Iraq remain the greatest importers of Chinese products. "According to the Damascus office of Hisinhua, the official Chinese news agency, Chinese exports increased by 72 per cent to southern Yemen, 63 per cent to the Sudan and 58 per cent to Lebanon during the latter part of 1969 and the first half of 1970," the "Times" said. "Exports to Egypt dropped by 38 per cent during that period, but are expected to double this year under the term of a new trade agreement signed in Cairo last month."

Soviets blast Chinese 'camp'

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union issued another blast against Communist China yesterday, charging that about 90,000 party officials, trade union leaders and senior military officers have been imprisoned in remote labour camps for "re-education."

All of Moscow's papers, including the Communist party organ "Pravda," published a lengthy article describing conditions in 100 "May 7 schools." The schools, situated in "out-of-the-way regions of China... where man has not set foot for millennia and where even wild beasts do not live," are actually labour camps, said "Pravda."

Frequently referring to the Chinese newspaper "People's Daily," "Pravda" said the camps are filled chiefly with "old party members — participants in the armed struggle against the Kuomintang and the Japanese."

"Along with cramming of quotations (of Communist party Chairman Mao Tse-Tung), the chief method of re-education at 'May 7 schools' is hard, exhausting physical labour."

Sapir in London

LONDON (INA). — Pinhas Sapir Israeli Minister of Finance, arrived here yesterday morning, after visits to Italy, West Germany and the U.S.

His visit here is a private one. He will be meeting a number of personalities in connection with Israeli economic and financial policies and also a group of Zionist and community leaders.

Man charged for arms supply to Defence League

NEW YORK (INA). — A 26-year-old Philadelphian, described by the U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn as a major supplier of weapons to the Jewish Defence League, was arrested here on Wednesday on charges of violating the Federal Firearms Control Act. Edward Neaher, District Attorney for the Eastern District, has identified him as Gilbert Laurie, a self-styled security officer.

Mr. Laurie was taken into custody at Kennedy International Airport as he was about to board an El Al jetliner for Israel. Agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Treasury Department arrested him on a warrant, issued earlier by a Federal District Court judge in Richmond. Apparently Laurie supplied the guns that were to have been used in the hijacking of an Arab airliner last September.

If convicted, Mr. Laurie could receive a maximum prison sentence of five years and a $5,000 fine.

Readers' letters

Pesticides and nature

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Regarding the recent spate of articles and Letters to the Editor in *The Post*, I agree with Dvora Ben Shaul (January 24) that the issue of pesticides must be aired before the public, as well as weighed seriously by those in policy-making positions.

The role of Endrin, and other persistant DDT like pesticides, in upsetting the balance of nature is now widely recognized. Although there are conflicting reports as to Endrin's carcinogenic properties, and its persistance in the human body, the very fact that there is a large measure of uncertainty on these points, is sufficient reason for us to seriously curtail its use, as have many other countries.

Unfortunately, in Israel the entire subject of proper use of pest control chemicals is seriously neglected. As Mr. Wolff of the Ministry of Agriculture correctly stated (January 24), permits are required to purchase Endrin. The understanding is that the chemical will be used in preparing a poison bait for bird control. This is bad enough from the ecological point of view. However, there is absolutely nothing to prevent the farmers from spraying Endrin directly on his tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, squash, eggplants, etc. There is no country in the world which allows such indiscriminate use of Endrin. In Israel, there are no provisions for seizing produce, or fines for the guilty farmers. We have no adequate methode of checking excessive poison residues in time to prevent the fruit from reaching the market, and what is even worse, not many seem to care.

Aside from Endrin, there are a multitude of effective, potentially safe chemicals, for a multitude of uses on the Israeli market today. Each is required to carry a label which states the amount of time which must elapse between the last application of that chemical, and the harvest of the treated crop. This waiting period ranges from zero, one, three, seven, 21 days, or even longer. These waiting periods are generally ignored by the farmers. The result is that the Israeli consumer is likely to buy produce with dangerous pesticide residues.

What can be done? We need a regulatory agency, with legislative and enforcement power to set, and enforce, legal residues of pesticides in our food. This agency should be part of the Ministry of Health, or jointly administered by the Ministries of Health and Agriculture. Fines should be assessed to farmers selling produce with illegal residues and such crops should be confiscated.

I shudder when I think of the supposedly healthful salads served on many Israeli tables. These vegetables which should be among the finest in the world are potential carriers of dangerous poisons.

MYRON SOFER

Beersheba, February 1.

Admission to Tel Aviv medical school

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I draw the attention of those who read your report on "Objective factors stressed in medical school admission" (January 25) to at least one inaccuracy?

Contrary to your statement, the State Controller, in his report on Tel Aviv University has not criticized the Tel Aviv University Medical School for the "personal interview" method used as one out of three criteria in selecting students. The State Controller refrained from intervening in the purely academic sphere of methods for selection — and well he did.

It may be of interest to your readers that all selection methods are under permanent critical review by the Tel Aviv University authorities.

Prof. Prywes is to be praised for his frankness in admitting injustice done to some candidates for the Jerusalem Medical School in previous years by the application of methods of selection which rather proved to be of little value.

JACOB RAWRAWAY
Academic Secretary Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv, February 1.

Macabee Dean comments:

Technically, Mr. Rawraway is correct. The State Controller's report did not lay the stress on the "personal interview"; rather, he emphasized that considerably worse methods were used for admitting students. Page 33 of the report (dated May, 1970) states:

"During the 1969 and 1970 academic year, candidates (to the Medical School) were not accepted by the criteria which the University itself had laid down. These students, about 20 per cent of all those admitted to the first year of studies, were accepted because they were the sons of teachers in the Medical School, or sons of doctors, or as the result of 'personal appeals' which the University honoured; in part they were accepted due to objectionable administrative procedures; in many cases their matriculation examination marks were 'raised'; also, the marks they received during tests for admission were changed 'by hand' without any authority, and there were also cases where the original marks were not in line with the students' achievements. On the other hand, there were cases, in which the marks of the students were submitted to the Board of Admissions in a distorted form, or were not even submitted to this Board. As a result, several candidates who should have been admitted were not accepted."

The report goes on to note that the matter, after being brought to the attention of the University, was investigated.

SOCIAL MEDICINE PIONEER

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post.

Sir, — Permit me to add a few remarks to Susan Bellos' very interesting and informative article "An ounce of prevention" (January 29).

Miss Bellos describes the development of social medicine as a subject of academic teaching and as a field of practical medical activity. It seems to me therefore in order to remind your readers of the fact that the first academic teacher in this field was the late Professor Theodor Gruschka, who taught, from 1948 to 1958, social medicine at the School of Medicine of the Hebrew University and Hadassah, Jerusalem.

He was responsible for preventive medicine as Director of Health Services of the Municipality of Tel Aviv, and later of Immigrant Services of the Jewish Agency. After the establishment of the State in 1948 he was in charge of Social Medicine in the Ministry of Health and in this capacity in 1958 edited a comprehensive volume on "Health Services in Israel." A second edition was prepared by him but death overtook him, so that it appeared only in 1968.

Since there are so few opportunities to recall the merits of people who passed away, I hope you will help to do this in the memory of this devoted fighter for a good cause.

GIORA LOTAN

Jerusalem, February 8.

Haifa skyline

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post.

Sir, — According to your report of February 10, Haifa's City Council will have to decide whether commercial interests are to prevail and whether those who like to relax by taking a walk along Panorama Road will be able to do so in the future.

In these days, national defence is uppermost in many people's minds. Dispersion of buildings and plenty of open and park areas is a sound means of defence. The City of London survived despite severe bomb attacks during the Second World War because it was spread over a large area and contained many parks, squares and gardens, and no concentrations of tall structures. Haifa could well follow this example instead of allowing construction of a group of tall structures along the Carmel sky-line which would provide a target and reference point for attack from the air or from the sea.

It is hoped that City Council members will realize that effect of errors in town planning today will be magnified many times in the future.

A. I. BERESKIN

Haifa, February 10.

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Hebrew U. helps develop Burma anti-snake serum

TWO Burmese venom experts have taken up specialized studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in their search for a more potent anti-snakebite serum.

According to U Han Sein, assistant manager of the Biological Laboratory in the Burma Pharmaceutical Industry, Rangoon, and U Thein Han, deputy manager of the Veterinary Department of the same enterprise, their country has one of the world's highest snakebite mortality rates. The two Burmese, who have joined the staff of the University's Department of Entomology and Venomous Animals for a four-month period, say that an estimated 2,000 of their countrymen are bitten by snakes every year. Before serum was introduced in Burma, approximately 50 per cent of the victims died; the number of persons succumbing to snake venom is still relatively high.

Prof. Aharon Shulov, Head of the Department, under whose guidance the two Burmese are studying, lists the three most deadly snakes in Burma as the *Vipera russellii*, which abounds in populated areas and accounts for 60-65 per cent of snake bite deaths; the cobra *Naja-naja;* and the deadliest of them all, the krait, *Bungarus*, found mainly in uninhabited places.

For several years, Burma received anti-serum from the Haffkine Institute in Bombay. Since 1961 it has been producing its own, but production meets only 40 per cent of the demand. An annual production of some 50,000 ampoules is needed to ensure a sufficient supply for emergencies.

Dried venom samples

To benefit from Israel's expertise in developing powerful anti-sera against scorpions and snakes, and in an attempt to produce a new weapon against the *Vipera russellii* and the cobra *Naja naja* the two Burmese brought samples of the dried venoms from Burma. A young Israeli scientist, Mrs. Tamar Zerachia, a Ph.D. student specializing in toxicology, is helping her Burmese colleagues study the venoms and their different fractions through various immuno-chemical methods. The *russellii* venom is used to immunize donkeys, following the same method used in Israel.

Samples of Burmese snakes are to be sent to the University to obtain fresh venom. It is hoped the research will result in a stronger anti-serum than any hitherto known there. The Burmese plan to take home some 1,500 sample ampoules, produced in Jerusalem, geared to the needs of their country.

The project is an outcome of Prof. Shulov's visit to Burma several years ago. The World Health Organization has assisted Burma in developing programmes, including vaccine against cholera, plague, typhoid, tetanus and smallpox; the two Burmese venom experts are studying in Israel on WHO scholarships coupled with a grant from the International Cooperation Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry.

Burmese venom experts U Thein Han (far left) and U Han Sein (second from right), shown with Hebrew University zoologist Prof. Aharon Shulov and Ph.D. student Tamar Zerachia, discussing ways to produce a stronger anti-serum against Burmese snakes.

Lipkin named to Weizmann physics chair

REHOVOT.— PROFESSOR Harry J. Lipkin, a distinguished Weizmann institute physicist, this week became the second incumbent of the Herbert H. Lehman Chair of Theoretical Physics, succeeding the late Prof. Amos de-Shalit, who held the Chair until his death in 1969 and with whom he was closely associated for many years.

New York-born Prof. Lipkin began his scientific career during World War II at the Radiation Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At war's end, he went to Princeton University, earned his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics, and proceeded to Israel, where, for a year, he left science behind him to live at a kibbutz in the Galilee.

In his 19 years at the Weizmann Institute, Prof. Lipkin has made significant contributions to theoretical and experimental nuclear physics, nuclear reactor physics and, most recently, to theoretical particle physics. He is in close touch with overseas research centres, particularly with the Argonne National Laboratory, where he spends almost every summer.

An additional distinction is his claim to fame as co-founder, with Professor Alexander Kohn of the Israel Institute for Biological Research, of the "Journal of Irreproducible Results", which has kept scientific researchers throughout the U.S. and Israel laughing for over a decade at its lampoons of scientific gobbledygook.

PROFESSOR LIPKIN

India sets up trade authority

By TREVOR DRIEBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — A trade development authority was inaugurated here yesterday to give direction and thrust to India's export drive to meet the needs and objects of the second development decade of the United Nations.

The urgency for such an institution is highlighted by the waning export performance since the 12 months ended March 1969, when the overall growth rate of India's foreign earnings was 14 per cent.

In the next 12 months shortage of raw materials, inadequate production capacities and a slow build-up of the industrial infra-structure resulted in a drop to 4 per cent. Performance in the period ending next March may be no better.

Junior high school reform encounters heavy going

Earlier this week Education Minister Yigal Allon invited education reporters for an off-the-cuff talk about Ministry policy for the coming year. The meeting, writes Post reporter SUSAN BELLOS, failed to produce the anticipated valuable insight into the Ministry's policies and problems.

THE Education Ministry has for the past five years been inflamed over the question of the school reform. But now the impetus in carrying it out has been slowed down, this year covering only 20 of the scheduled 30 junior high schools.

Asked about the reduced scope of the reform, Education Minister Yigal Allon said: "The execution of carrying out the reform is proving to be no less difficult than getting people to accept it in the first place." It could only be successfully carried out, he said, if certain "optimum conditions" were met. These included, in order of priority, "social integration, specialised teacher training, a specific curricula, and new buildings." The Ministry was working in these areas, he said, but progress was slow and difficult.

The search for prior "social integration," presumably from elementary schools upwards, is a little like putting the cart before the horse. Like Justice, or Peace on Earth, it is not to be passively awaited. The Ministry is a highly centralized institution with wide powers, but much of the implementation in the sensitive area of school integration is left to the Municipalities.

In Jerusalem, for example, where the school reform has been delayed for three years in succession, there have been objections by many concerned that the integration at junior high school level "will bring down the level of the good schools." Asked whether the Ministry would consider using its powers to enforce integration, Mr. Allon said: "If necessary, yes. But I don't think it will come to that. Parents are far more opposed to integration at the elementary level than in junior high. Besides we are definitely introducing the school reform in Jerusalem in September 1972."

Higher education, too

Mr. Allon, unlike his predecessor, the late Zalman Aranne, who felt that elementary and secondary education were big enough problems to be dealing with, has been much concerned with higher education since he took office over two years ago. He is concerned with making the matriculation exam more flexible and easing university entrance requirements, particularly for ex-servicemen. Mr. Allon, the former Palmah hero, notes that he was never a teacher himself, "but as an officer, I always felt myself to be an educator."

Mr. Allon's conversation is peppered with references to the Army and even when asked about possible remedies for the growing problem of delinquency, which he believes to be "exaggerated by the press," he suggested that Gadna might help, perhaps a rather optimistic assessment of the problem. Social workers know that it is well-nigh impossible to get these boys (and girls) near a respectable youth club, and it seems unlikely that they would be ready to participate in Gadna field exercises. However, in spite of his feelings about the good influence of the Army in Israeli education, when Mr. Allon was asked whether he thought that the Army might be persuaded to accept more boys with records of delinquency, he said: "I don't think we ought to ask the Army to take on something like this."

Drop-out rate

The Minister said he was very concerned about the drop-out rate in schools. He was going to insist on more supervision and checking up of individual cases by Ministry inspectors, teachers and principals. The law of free compulsory education (even though its implementation to grade nine is still not completed this year) must be properly enforced, he said, "for all children including those with special education problems." However, education in this area, such as that for retarded children, was not just a question of money, but of finding the manpower. Unfortunately, in Israel, Mr. Allon said, unlike some other countries, there are very few people willing to work in special education.

Asked how the general education picture looked to him, Mr. Allon replied: "Some of the schools are good and some are not." However, in general, he felt encouraged. The answer was, perhaps, a little flat. Mr. Allon did not, during the meeting, take up any particular issue as if it were his own burning interest and indeed failed to convey much sense of excitement on the work of his Ministry.

YIGAL ALLON

ELI

"Eli says what we need is an Arab commitment to withdraw west of intransigence."

Law eased for Spanish unions

MADRID (Reuter). — The Spanish Cortes (Parliament) approved a law Tuesday aimed at reforming the Government-controlled labour unions and making them more representative. A plenary session passed the law by 451 votes to 11, with six abstentions.

The law partly liberalises the official unions which monopolise labour relations, but preserves the basic structures which they always had under the Franco regime.

Workers and employers are still grouped under the umbrella of the same organisation, but in future they will be allowed to form virtually autonomous unions inside it.

Father of three Leningrad prisoners awaits news in vain

HANS KNOOP, top Jewish reporter of the Dutch daily "De Telegraaf," put through a call to Riga and spoke to JOSEF ZALMANSON, whose two sons, daughter and son-in-law were condemned to lengthy prison terms at hard labour at the Leningrad trials. His report of the conversation is given here.

JOSEF Zalmanson, 58, is a broken man. One of his sons is at liberty and with him. His other three children and his son-in-law have started their prison terms.

It is an open question whether they will ever return. Their punishments: Wolf, major in the Russian army — 10 years; daughter Sylvia and son Israel — eight years each; son in-law Eduard Kutznetsov — 15 years. When the verdict was pronounced on December 31 at the Supreme Court in Moscow, the famous Soviet physicist Andrei Sacharov, embraced Zalmanson to console him.

Have you heard anything from your children since the verdict of the Moscow Court?

Nothing. The only thing I know is that my son Israel has already been sent to a penal colony, but I do not know which. The others are still in Leningrad. They will probably be called next month as witnesses in a trial against other Jews. They will probably only be deported to the camps after they have given testimony. My son-in-law Kutznetsov is also already in a penal colony. He is receiving the most severe treatment known in the Russian system.

You do not know anything about their situation?

No. I presume the situation of those still in Leningrad is not too bad, but how it is in the penal colonies, I have no idea.

Are you an optimist? Do you think that you will see your children again?

No, I am not optimistic, but I have to keep living. I am now 58 and I don't know if I will live another ten years. I don't know if my children can endure their plight ten full years. I am very lonely. It is very hard to grasp that all of a sudden three of your children and your son-in-law disappear and that you do not hear anything anymore from them.

Have you heard anything from friends in Riga?

I do not have many friends. I have only one friend. Also I do not want to worry other people with my own troubles.

What did your children say about these severe sentences?

I can tell you that the children accepted their fate with great courage. They have been very brave. When we talked, they consoled me more than I did them. They are not afraid and they keep hoping to be liberated after a shorter period.

Have they applied for a visa to Israel?

Yes, all of them.

Do you believe that they wanted to hijack an airplane as was charged?

I can not talk about this over the phone. This is not so simple.

Do you fear that life in the penal colonies will be very difficult for them?

I am afraid it will be. The penal colonies are not places of rest or recreation. My sole hope is to be given permission to visit them from time to time. I understand this is perhaps possible, twice a year, in favourable cases.

How have your neighbours reacted to the verdict?

Everybody here is convinced that they are guilty.

Are your children allowed to receive gift parcels?

I do not know. I have received many parcels from Israel, asking me to send them to my children. I am still awaiting a reply from the authorities whether they are allowed to receive the parcels.

Can you give a short life story of your children?

Here is my other son. Please ask him. Son: No, I am not prepared to do this.

Are you afraid?

Yes, I believe not without reason.

Have you been able to visit your brothers and sister since the verdict?

No, I could only say goodbye to them. Here is my father again.

Do you think that we could do anything for your children?

I do not know what you could do. I know nothing at all and that is what is so difficult to digest. The only thing we can do is to hope for the best.

Can we call you again?

Yes, please do. In the evening I am always at home.

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Raphael Nouril, 31, from Iran, with his wife Esther, of Tel Aviv, and an example of his work titled "Gealakian Girl." It was posed by his wife, and is on view at the London Hilton Hotel Art Gallery. Nouril was discovered at 14 by eminent Persian artist Reza Samini. In 1967 he opened an art gallery in Teheran. Nouril came to Britain six months ago and is now living in London. The couple have two sons. (AP cablephoto)

WHOSE ARE THE 'ARAB LANDS'?

The basic premise of any Middle East settlement, which the world seems to have accepted without much thought, is that Israel will have to give back "Arab lands." But is that a correct description of all the territories occupied in 1967? Too many Israelis seems overly anxious to view this question through the eyes of the world, instead of taking a cold, hard look at the facts, say DAVID KRIVINE, in this PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW.

I WAS struck by the burning words of Geula Cohen the other day in a radio discussion. If foreigners declare Palestine belongs to the Arabs, that is a hard fact. If Jews express their knowledge and conviction that it belongs to the Jewish people — that is dismissed as wishful thinking; and it is our fault, she says. Unlike other countries, we fail to treat our national rights as an unalterable reality.

Perhaps because the Jews have an exaggerated, some might say neurotic propensity to see things from the other person's point of view. It might be called the *Heraus-mit-uns* complex. We ask ourselves what importance have our feelings, the feelings of one country, against the opinion of a hundred countries?

The answer lies at the root of every nation-State's existence. Each national group devotes a hundred times more intensity and passion to its particular affairs than do all the other countries, who are busy with their own problems. The hundred territories who vote in the U.N. see Israel's preoccupations as remote and marginal.

So marginal, in fact, that politicians in the U.N. do not (as Geula Cohen rightly points out) bother to examine the basic premises, confining themselves to a convenient formula common in labour arbitration proceedings. It can be summed up as follows: whatever the two disputing parties demand — and never mind what justification there is for one claim or the other — give half to each.

Fixed by armistice

The half turns out to be the Israeli borders as fixed in the armistice agreements of 1949. This Solomonic judgment has become an unquestioned fact of life, reflected almost unconsciously in phrases like "What should be done with the Arab territories under Israeli occupation." "Arab territories" mean territories in Palestine beyond the 1949 borders. But are they Arab? This is where the real argument should begin.

They are Arab, your Englishman or Frenchman would say, because Arabs live there. But so do Jews; not today, of course, but in the past — *and the future*. This idea rings strange, though not to Jews, or any other exiled people. Look at the facts. In 1919, which is not so long ago (being the year of my birth), Arabs lived in Israel, and Jews were a small minority. What right then had the Jews to Israel at that time — and it seems they did have such a right, since all the Big Four powers, even the Soviet Union, recognise today the 1949 borders of the Jewish State.

Their right came out of the past, and out of the future. It could not possibly reside in the population statistics of 1919, because the Jews had been expelled from Palestine and dispersed, therefore *ipso facto* did not live in their national homeland. Zionism is avowedly an irredentist movement. Since such movements are few and far between in our times, the accepted conventions of thought are, perhaps unintentionally, biased against them.

Let us examine this bias, as applied between Jew and Arab. The first rule is this: wherever an Arab lives, that must by right be his sovereign territory; wherever a Jew lives, that must by right be someone else's sovereign territory. There is one perplexing exception, arising out of the fact that by winning three wars designed to exterminate their sovereignty, the Jews managed to extend it as a *fait accompli* over one area, the Israel of 1949. Many outsiders feel dubious, even conscience-stricken about that, what with such matters as the problem of the Arab refugees. Understandably (under the circumstances) they are annoyed that the voracious Jews seem to want more than what they had in 1949 (for which they should be thankful), aspiring to something of what they hold today.

There are at the moment more Jewish inhabitants in Russia than in Israel — more also than there are Arabs in all Palestine (including the Palestine exiles). Yet the Jews do not claim any shred of national sovereignty in Russia; of course not — because the sovereignty of the Russian Jews resides in Israel. Similarly the sovereignty of the Arab peoples resides in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia — everywhere in the Middle East except one place. The sovereignty of Arabs does not reside in Palestine; it is the Jewish sovereignty that resides there, and nowhere else.

There are over 10m. Jews living as a minority in Gentile lands — 85 per cent of all the Jewish people. There are less than 1.5m. Arabs living as a minority in Palestine — under two per cent of all the Arabs. Yet, according to conventional thinking, where two per cent of the Arabs live must be Arab land. Where 85 per cent of the Jews live must be Gentile land.

Large immigration

On this point we agree (as it happens), that where 85 per cent of the Jews at present live is Gentile land. The converse is that the Jews must be numbered, in national terms, as residents of Palestine — past and future residents, for the purpose of determining national rights. Whether all or most will come in the future is something that must determine Israel's situation in the Middle East over the coming generations. One thing is clear, that a sufficient number will immigrate to make Israel the most densely populated national State in the world.

Now let us take the other part of the current conflict: the Sinai peninsula. It is said that Palestine is Arab because Arabs live there. By that definition Sinai cannot be Arab, because no Arabs live there: the place is empty. Yet here is another, equally unquestioned datum and fact of life, that Sinai too belongs to the Arabs.

The powers that played politics in the 19th century flicked a coin and decided that, since nobody wanted this arid desert anyway, Egypt could have it. It was actually made over to Egypt only in 1906 by the British (who wanted to prevent Turkey from controlling the Gulf of Akaba). For her part, Egypt had no use for Sinai, because she possessed a giant territory of her own (48 times the size of Israel), where her people have lived since the beginning of time. But she took it, because states always take any territories that are going.

They have done almost nothing with it, except let the Italians pump for oil on the Western shore. There is a medium-sized manganese mine, also right on the Western coast; a transit camp at A-Tur for pilgrims going not to Sinai, but through Sinai to Mecca; and that is all. The Jews of Israel discovered Sinai afresh in 1967, and the mountain from which Moses gave them the Law. They have surveyed the entire peninsula, and studied it, and built on it, and travelled over it, and loved it. They have poured more people, emotion and resources into Sinai in three years than the Arabs have in three hundred.

Yet it belongs to the Arabs, though no Arabs live there; and Palestine belongs to the Arabs, though greater authorities than Britain (but Britain too) had designated it for the Jewish people. The Arabs own a continent as big as Europe: they must have Palestine (one-third the size of Scotland) as well. The Jews own no country, save the toehold they have in Palestine thanks to an armistice agreement. They should be thankful to retain what they got in the first War of Jewish Extermination, and should give up what they won in the other two. Palestine, other than what the Jews cannot be pushed out of, belongs to the Arabs.

The conclusion from all this has an important bearing on the Jarring peace talks. It can be stated quite simply. Many foreigners think the issue is whether Israel is prepared to give up Arab territories in exchange for peace. Israel's problem is whether she can give up Jewish territories in exchange for peace.

The Government has expressed itself as ready to do just that. The world will make a terrible mistake in judging the Jarring talks unless it understands this point: that for Israel to give up Shechem (which the newcomer Arabs call Nablus) and Jericho and the Jordan River is like Britain giving up East Anglia, or France giving up Alsace-Lorraine.

The Jews have nevertheless expressed themselves as prepared to abandon most of these areas in return for peace. Do others appreciate what such a decision means? To call Israel chauvinist is a misuse of words. No country in the universe is less chauvinist than Israel, because none is bidden to sacrifice so much. She will make territorial surrenders that our forefathers would have deemed a desecration, meriting excommunication.

Meaning of decision

There are things she will not give up. Tel Aviv, for example, and Galilee, and that hill called Golan (big as a medium-sized American cattle ranch), which dominates Lake Tiberias and the Eastern Galilee. Nor shall Israel be prised away from Jerusalem, which is the very heart and soul of the Jewish nation. Cannot those onlookers who are so good at understanding hard facts assimilate this one? The Jews cannot, literally cannot hand over their Holy City across a bargaining table, any more than Egypt can hand over Cairo, or Syria hand over Damascus, or Iraq hand over Baghdad.

The world should make the small effort of comprehending these hard realities — both the sacrifice, and what cannot be sacrificed. Otherwise the Jarring talks will end not in peace, but in a fourth war of the Arabs against Israel.

Visiting travel agents witness bumper month

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

ISRAEL has never experienced such a good February from the tourism point of view. Hotels in Tel Aviv are fully booked and even the most influential visitors are having a hard time getting accommodation. This wasn't actually planned by Foreign Tours Inc., America's largest wholesaler of tours to Israel, but the fact that it coincides with the visit of 80 of their retailers here on a familiarization tour, could prove one of the strongest arguments in Israel's favour.

Mr. Eli Sela, deputy president of the company, told *The Post* in Jerusalem yesterday that diversification and innovation are two of the prime aims of the company's tour planning. The itineraries sent by Foreign Tours to 4,000 out of America's 7,000 travel agents include tours to Mexico, Lebanon, Egypt, Russia and other points, but the main interest is selling Israel. Israel and London, Israel and Rome, Israel and Moscow etc. The Israeli born and educated Mr. Sela was until recently adviser to Finance Minister Sapir in tourism affairs, and he is seeking to develop new types of travel to Israel.

Christians and students

Heavy emphasis is being laid on attracting Christian and student tourism, in addition to the traditional ethnic tourism of the Jewish traveller, who has formed the backbone of American tourism to Israel over the past few years.

Through two daughter companies, World Wide Group and Travel Plan, Foreign Tours is busy selling Christian tourism. East Tours is the company which they use to promote student tours and, while such tours aren't particularly cheap as they can't fly charters, they do include programmes which allow the students to earn credits from seminars they attend here.

In an effort to diversify the types of tours available, the company offers tours linking the Holy Land with various European destinations, and even Moscow or Ethiopia, if the traveller so wishes. They have also asked the Ministry of Tourism and the local travel agents to plan tours within Israel, which are suitable for people coming on their second or third visit. "After all, you can't run people through the same tours on their return visit," Mr. Sela says.

Hijacking had a serious effect on tourism from the U.S. to Israel, he admits. About 50 per cent of their customers cancelled tours last September. However, the traffic has returned to normal now, and barring any deterring developments on the security front Mr. Sela foresees a 10 to 12 per cent growth in tourism from America this year.

Israel still cheaper

The fact that hotel prices have risen by 15 per cent, and transport costs have gone up by 17 per cent shouldn't have much effect on tourism. "Israel is still cheaper than all the traditional European travel spots, with the exception of Spain," he notes.

Having just recently joined Foreign Tours, Mr. Sela is full of praise for the man who developed it from a family business a mere ten years ago into its present dominant position on the Israel market, the company's founder and president, Mr. Emanuel Mizrachi.

El Al also rates high on Mr. Sela's list of enthusiasms. "There is such a huge demand for seats on El Al that we simply can't book everybody on the Israel airline. The company's reputation is so good that there are people who simply won't fly if they can't be sure of going El Al and they will postpone or even cancel their tours," he notes.

The 10-day familiarization tour by the American and Canadian travel agents ends this morning, when they leave for home.

'Synagogue' tour

Seventy members of the Temple Emanuel congregation in Newton, Massachesetts, are currently in Israel on what must be one of the largest synagogue-sponsored pilgrimages ever.

The current tour is part of an annual programme recently initiated by the Temple, the largest Conservative congregation in New England. Part of the programme, which is aimed at establishing closer ties and understanding between Jews of all nationalities, will encourage youngsters to visit Israel. Incentive scholarships have been provided, and some twenty of the congregation's youngsters are due to arrive in Israel this summer.

This pilgrimage is led by Rabbi Samuel Chiel and Mrs. Chiel, and the President of the Congregation, Mr. Lawrence L. Suttenberg, together with the President of their Sisterhood, Mrs. Anne Suttenberg. One of the major methods used to encourage such a large number of people to join this trip was the use of *The Jerusalem Post*. Mr. Suttenberg pointed out that though the group began with only 20, a number of issues of *The Jerusalem Post* were distributed to the members in order to indicate the normalcy of the current situation in Israel. In a short time the number grew from 20 to 70 enthusiastic members of the congregation.

The congregation is also deeply concerned about the fate of the Soviet Jewry, and a special action committee has been formed. Mrs. Georgia Hershkovitz, the committee's chairman and currently on the tour, has organized a major city-wide demonstration due to take place on March 14 on the steps of City Hall.

Record Reviews

AARON Copland, born in Brooklyn in 1900, is one of America's most articulate composers. His recent birthday is an occasion to note works that are available here on locally pressed recordings.

Copland stated that one of the "crucial questions of our times" is how a composer, in an age of mass media, can reach a mass audience without sacrificing his musical standards. He approached the problem by radically simplifying his style. He cannot be described as "modern" or "avant-garde," though he ranks at least among the "progressive" composers through the use of plenty of dissonances and unorthodox rythmical patterns.

The local recordings cover quite a comprehensive selection of his works.

COPLAND conducts COPLAND — Composers, as a rule, are not particularly adept at conducting their own (or any other) works — and Copland is no exception. But, of course, recording under his baton and supervision would seem to guarantee definitive versions of his compositions. **OUR TOWN (1940)** is taken from a film score based on a play by Thornton Wilder; **AN OUTDOOR OVERTURE (1938)** was written specially for the orchestra of the High School of Music and Art in New York City; **QUIET CITY (1939)**, composed for Irwin Shaw's play of same name, was adapted later for trumpet, English horn and strings; **TWO PIECES FOR STRING ORCHESTRA (1928)**, originally composed for string quartet. All these pieces are on one record (CBS 72809).

SHORT SYMPHONY (1934) and **DANCE SYMPHONY (1929)** — This is also conducted by the composer and played magnificently by the London Symphony Orchestra. The sound of the recording is fine. Belonging to the best of Copland's writings, the Short Symphony is a compact and stimulating three-movements-in-one work. The Dance Symphony, condensed from an earlier ballet score (which was never choreographed), contains a lot of interesting moments, with the ever-present "El Salon Mexico" rhythms establishing the typical Copland character (CBS 72731).

The popular pieces which established the composer's fame are included in two recordings conducted by Leonard Bernstein and played by the New York Philharmonic: **EL SALON MEXICO (1936)** and **APPALACHIAN SPRING (1944)** — the former is a *piece de resistance* for any orchestra, the latter was written for a ballet by Martha Graham but is emancipated from dancing completely. Both performances are bright and lively.

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Members of Gadna will march 25-30 kilometres a day on April 6-7, 1971, along separate routes.

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A tent encampment will be put up for civilian marchers, seniors and soldiers at Bethel. The camp will provide accommodation in tents and Shekem will sell food provisions. Synagogues, clinics, shoe repair shops, etc., will be available for marchers at the camp.
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CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH
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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

CAIRO-JERUSALEM GAP

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "There is still quite a gap between the Egyptian reply — as published yesterday in 'Al Ahram' — and the four points listed by Mr. Eban to test the sincerity of Cairo's desire for peace. Should Egypt's reply to Jarring's proposal prove that there has indeed been some progress in Cairo's attitude, it would be worth concentrating on the possibility of holding a separate discussion on the opening of the Suez Canal."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), referring to the demand of Egypt's Ambassador to the U.N., that Israel should cease to be a country of immigration for world Jewry, recalls that that was the very attitude of the Arab Higher Committee in British Mandatory days.

Lamerhav (Socialist), commenting on the U.S. criticism of Jerusalem building plans, writes that "no threat to the progress of peace can result from the Jerusalem building programme. Jerusalem is not Berlin, and will not be a city of strife nor the focus for inter-power intervention. The city's status as Israel's Capital was decided on June 7, 1967, and it will be built up in love and peace."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), blaming the U.S. criticism on the vociferous public argument in Israel over Jerusalem's character, writes: "The delicate political situation requires us to conduct our struggle with the maximum care. We must draw the conclusions from the harm caused by the public argument on such a touchy issue, and make every effort not to expose ourselves to outside pressure and intervention."

Religious Services

Sabbath begins:
In Jerusalem at 4.51 p.m.
In Tel Aviv 5.09 p.m.
In Haifa 5.00 p.m.
and ends:
In Jerusalem at 6.05 p.m.
In Tel Aviv 6.08 p.m.
In Haifa 6.06 p.m.
Portion: Mishpatim — Sh'kalim
Haftara: Melachim II, 12, 1-17

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: Minha, 5.10 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.25 p.m. Shahrit, 8.00 p.m. Minha G'dola, 12.45 p.m. Minha, 5.00 p.m. Arvit, 6.00 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Tonight, Minha, 5.15 p.m. Parshat Hashavua: Rabbi J. M. Lehrman. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 5.00 p.m. followed by Talmud Shiur by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig. Ma'ariv, 6.05 p.m.

Yeshivat Hakotel Synagogue (Old City): Tonight, Minha, 5.00 p.m. (traditional march to the Wall); Kabbalat Shabbat at the Wall 5.35 p.m.; Arvit (at the Synagogue), 6.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.15 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

Emet Ve'emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi Amir. Tomorrow: 8.15 p.m.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: Arvit, 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shaharit, 8.00 a.m.

Mount Zion Synagogue: Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m.

Bayit Vegan Synagogue (34 Rehov Harav Frank). Tonight: Minha 5.03 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.30 p.m. followed by Rabbi Hanoch Ben Arza. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Talmud Shiur by Rabbi Leib Heyman 3.15 p.m. Minha 4.30 p.m. Ma'ariv, 6.00 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh). Tonight: 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha, 1.00 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism; 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum.) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A.S. Zaoul. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13) Saturday: 10.00 a.m.

Kehilat Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol St.). Shabbat Services: 9.00 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative). Student Centre, Neve Shechter. (Behind Israel Museum). Tonight: 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Young Israel of Givat Shaul (28 Rehov Givat Shaul). Tonight: 5.11 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road): Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (87 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight, Minha, 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m. Minha, 12.30 and 5.10 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, 5 Rehov Nathan Strauss): Tonight: Minha, 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 5.10 p.m.

Kedem Synagogue, Tel Aviv Progressive Congregation (Rehov Carlebach 20). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi M. Zager.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative) at B'nai B'rit, Kaplan 10). Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Hatechiya Synagogue: Ramat Gan — Tonight: 5.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Parashat Hashavua, Mr. Barkol. Minha, 5.15 p.m. Parshat Hashavua, Mr. Weizman.

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HAIFA

Moriah Congregation (Rehov Horeb 7, Ahuza). Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.15 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES

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The International Evangelical Church (55 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Bible Class, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

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St. George's Cathedral (Anglican). (Nablus Road, Jerusalem). Sunday: Holy Communion (English). 8.00 a.m. Morning Service (Arabic). 9.30 a.m. Choral Communion and Sermon (English). 11.00 a.m. Weekdays: 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (English).

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Frozen meat purchases 30% down in January

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The consumption of imported frozen meat fell by 30 per cent in January, according to Mr. Binyamin Limor, Director of the Government Trade Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. This is a result of the Government's increased selling price to the wholesaler, he believes. He also insisted that average retail prices charged by the butchers cannot have gone up by more than the expected amount.

In announcing the Government's price change on December 15, Mr. Gideon Lahav, the Ministry's Director-General, predicted that the customer would have to pay an extra IL1 over the existing average (for all varieties) of IL7 or IL7.50 a kg. — an increase of 13-14 per cent. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, the price index for cattle meat in January was 8.7 per cent higher than in November, which is less than Mr. Lahav's forecast.

The price of meat went up twice in 1970 — once in August, when the import levy was applied, raising it from IL3.15 a kg. (with bones, to the wholesaler) to IL3.75; a second time in December (because of a 60 per cent increase in import costs) to IL4.50. Total price hike to the consumer since the first half of 1970 should be one-third, from IL6 (on the average) to IL8 at present.

Mr. Limor explained that a year ago, the tariff was IL1,000 a ton on meat, costing at the time $500 (IL1,750) c.i.f. Haifa. "We earned a surplus of IL150 a ton on sales in 1969/70, so (to get rid of that surplus) the Treasury upped the tariff by IL150 to its present level of IL1,150; to which must be added the import levy of 20 per cent.

Meanwhile the world price of meat had risen from $500 to $800-$850, for a number of reasons. Eastern Europe became a net importer, also low prices in Argentina (due to the boycott of its supplies during the foot-and-mouth epidemic) cut production, which pushed prices up again.

"The result of these changes is that we are losing on the deal, since it costs us IL4.80 a kg. to supply the wholesalers with meat at IL4.50. This is a part of the price subsidy programme," he said.

The Government imports also wheat, sugar, oil and seeds, and fodder. "All these things we sell to the public at a loss. We sell wheat to the flour mills for IL295 a ton — yet buy it from Israel settlements for IL340, and import it for $75, or IL262.50 — to which must be added the costs of silo, transport and storage.

"Local sugar costs us IL1.10 a kg., and imported sugar (including a tariff of IL300 a ton) 75 agorot, yet we charge wholesalers only 61 ag., making Israel's retail sugar price one of the lowest in the world."

Mr. Limor justifies the tariff on imported meat on the ground that it encourages the purchase of poultry and Turkey instead. A ton of Israel poultry costs $500-$550 in foreign currency, whereas a ton of imported frozen beef costs (boneless) $1,200.

'Key to Freedom' for Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Shazar received a symbolic key from Rabbi Tibor Stern of Miami at his office yesterday. This is the first key of Rabbi Stern's proposed "Key To Freedom" movement which he is trying to organize in support of Russian Jewry and oppressed peoples everywhere.

The idea is that people will join this non-violent movement and will be presented with a "key to freedom" as a symbol of commitment to open the gates of prisons and of Russia. All revenues from such a movement would be turned over to an internationally recognised organization for the rehabilitation of Russian Jews who reached the country of their choice, he explains.

The Rabbi, who is a delegate of the Rabbinical Council of America to the forthcoming Conference on Soviet Jewry in Brussels, will canvass the delegates with his idea and will table it as a resolution for adoption. During a brief visit here he has also gained the support of Chief Rabbi I.J. Unterman and of Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig, he reports.

Pop singer Mike Brandt in a hospital bed in Bourg-en-Bresse France, after being injured in a car crash last Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

Cabinet approves IL56m. budget for radio, TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved the Broadcasting Authority's 1971-72 budget of IL55,850,000. This is IL9,650,000 more than the previous year's radio and TV budget. The new budget has yet to be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee. Though by law the Authority is an independent body, its annual budget requires Cabinet approval.

The budget rise is mainly due to extension of broadcasting hours — a weekly increase of 28½ hours, including Arabic, and to an increased wage-bill resulting from the "package deal." The extra expenditure was expected to be covered by an increase in the number of TV licence-holders, and by more radio advertising. The Authority is virtually self-supporting economically — outside of a Government contribution of some IL2m. for special services such as overseas broadcasts.

But some Authority sources are sceptical that the estimated increased revenue would materialize. The estimate was based on an increase this year of some 50,000 TV subscribers, in addition to the present some 360,000.

The presentation of the budget proposal, by the Authority's chairman, Dr. Haim Yahil, was followed by a discussion on radio and TV performance. There was said to have been both praise and adverse criticism on "the content and emphasis" of programmes. Much of the discussion apparently centred on the handling of political news, such as the radio's report on Prime Minister Golda Meir's NBC interview, that she had rejected Egyptian President Sadat's "Suez Canal reopening" overture, and the critical TV discussion panel later the same day.

Several Ministers complained of the general level and of the meagre progress of Israel TV.

Asked whether Government control of the media had been suggested during the discussion, the Cabinet Secretary said no. Questions raised in the discussion were also answered by the Authority's Director-General, Mr. Shmuel Almog, and by Education Minister Yigal Allon, the Minister responsible for broadcasting.

IL1.3m. budget to tackle road accidents

An extraordinary budget of IL1.3m. for 1971/72 has been established by the Transport Ministry to finance the "war on traffic accidents," Deputy Minister Gad Ya'acoby announced yesterday.

At the bi-weekly meeting of the Joint Headquarters for Combating Road Accidents yesterday, it was also decided to approach the Broadcasting Authority about getting air time for the Headquarters' publicity projects. The members of the Headquarters yesterday saw a number of films in a series of 16 made for TV viewing.

Histadrut sees 2-3% rise in living standards

Jerusalem Post Labour Reporter

ZICHRON YA'ACOV.—The Histadrut Trades Union Department envisages a general rise in standard of living during the current year of about two to three per cent, "not necessarily in wages", Mr. Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Trades Union Department, said here yesterday. He was addressing the council of the Printing Workers Union which met at the Mivtahim rest-house here to prepare for the union's national elections due to take place on March 3.

Mr. Abrahamowicz said there should also be a parallel increase in productivity, to allow the country's economy to develop.

Mr. Yeruham Meshel, head of the Histadrut Centre for Social Security, suggested creation of a brains trust of Government, the Histadrut and the employers "to give serious thought to ways to increase productivity in every branch of production," in order to keep Israel competitive on the international market.

Sderot police get extra men to seize hooligans

ASHKELON. — Police reinforcements from here were called in late Wednesday night to aid Sderot's police in arresting a gang of hooligans who were smashing windows in the commercial centre of that township.

Before they were rounded up, the gang broke 27 windows and caused damage estimated at IL25,000. Among the buildings hit were those housing the Local Council, the Welfare Ministry offices, the Bank Leumi branch, the Post Office, and numerous stores.

The Ashkelon police arrived shortly after 11 p.m., but it took them until three o'clock yesterday morning to arrest five men, aged 17 to 31. One of the men is suspected of having smashed shop windows, two will be charged with resisting arrest, and two others are believed to have aided a sixth man to escape capture.

The five remanded in custody were Mivan Padida, 31, Ya'acov Atias, 21, Shimon Peretz, 18, Eliahu Dahan, 17, and Shimon Ben Shimon, 18. All five are residents of Sderot. They were all ordered detained for 15 days, during which time the police intend to bring them to trial. They denied all the charges, admitting only that they were drunk at the time.

The secretary of the Local Council yesterday complained that hooliganism in the township had to stop. He charges that Sderot should have more policemen and that they should be equipped with a vehicle.

Chief Justice rebukes Rabbinical High Court for offhand reply

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The President of the Supreme Court, Justice Agranat, yesterday criticised the Rabbinical High Court of Appeal for its handling of a legal question which the Supreme Court had directed to it. Both the content and the style of the Rabbinical Court's reply aroused the Supreme Court President's displeasure.

He was giving judgment in a case concerning a couple from America who were married by a Reform rabbi and now wished to divorce. The husband was Jewish and the wife Christian. In their marriage certificate, the Reform rabbi declared that they had been married "according to the law of Moses and Israel" — the traditional formula of Jewish weddings. The couple, through their lawyer, applied to the Supreme Court for a declaration that the Jerusalem District Court was competent to grant their divorce.

Justice Agranat asked the Rabbinical High Court for a *halachic* opinion, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Dissolution of Marriage (Special Cases) Law, 1969.

This law lays down that in cases of this kind the Supreme Court President must ask the opinion of the religious courts, Jewish, Christian or Moslem, according to the faiths of the parties of the marriage. He then takes this opinion into consideration although it is in no way binding on him.

Justice Agranat supplied the Rabbinical Court with the facts of the case, viz. the man was a Jew and the woman a Christian. The Rabbinical Court replied with a letter signed by the clerk of the courts. This said that the marriage certificate aroused doubts as to whether the woman had in fact converted to Judaism "and this requires investigation according to *halachic* precepts before the *Beit Din*. So long as this has not been done, the Rabbinical Court cannot give its opinion."

Justice Agranat decided to pass the case on to the District Court, despite this letter from the Rabbinical Court. In an 18-page judgment, he took exception both to the form and the content of the reply from the Rabbinical Court. "The religious court is obliged to supply the requested opinion on a probem which is presented to it."

Justice Agranat also criticised the form of the reply — a letter signed not by the *dayanim*, but by their clerk. "A document of this kind does not fulfil the demands of the law, which are that it must be signed by those members of the court who drafted it. I hope that this remark of mine will draw the attention of those concerned, and this issue will be handled properly in the future."

Labour leaders defy women on congress date

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Central Committee yesterday reconfirmed an early decision to hold the party's convention on April 4, overriding the highly vocal protest of women members of the Party that this would interfere with their pre-Passover arrangements.

The party had previously acceded to the women's argument, and set April 18, as an alternative date. However, no suitable halls were available then, and instead it was decided to go back to the original schedule.

The convention will open in Jerusalem and move down to Tel Aviv for working sessions in three adjoining halls — the Mann auditorium and Habima's large main and small halls — large enough to accommodate the 3,000 voting delegates and many invited guests.

The Alignment political committee meeting set for today has been called off, it was learned here last night. The party leadership preferred to put off its discussions until the Cabinet has concluded its deliberations on the newest phase in foreign policy.

Passenger killed in car crash

RAMLE. — A man was killed in a collision between a car and a taxi before dawn yesterday morning at the Tel Aviv-Ashdod crossroads (near the meteorological stations). His name has not yet been released.

The crash occurred when the taxi driven by Micha Haban, aged 32, of Ramat Gan, coming from Ashdod, collided with a private car driven by Aryeh Diamant, 30, the passenger was thrown out and seriously hurt. He was taken to hospital in Rehovot where he died later. *(Itim)*

Two-month term for killing boy on road

TEL AVIV. — A driver convicted of causing the death of a nine-year-old boy was yesterday sentenced to two months in jail and fined IL2,500. The man, 40-year-old Moshe Segal, 40 Rehov Kaplansky, Petah Tikva, also had his driver's licence suspended for three years.

Segual was found guilty of running the boy down in Rehov Sokolow, Ramat Hasharon, on May 20, 1970. The boy died a few days later of his injuries. The Magistrate's Court yesterday ruled that Segal had been negligent in driving too fast and not anticipating that one of the children he saw at the side of the road might try to cross it.

Execution of the sentence was deferred pending appeal. *(Itim)*

Haifa loses tree that blocked Allenby Road

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A magnificent, tall pine tree in the middle of Allenby Road here came crashing down yesterday, removing a traffic obstacle that caused accidents time and again.

When the street was widened many years ago for the growing traffic, the tree came to occupy a place almost in the middle of the road. The traffic police warned that it must come down. The late Mayor Abba Khoushy insisted that it be preserved, and that traffic there be squeezed through a bottleneck. The tree was a hazard, particularly at night time.

Mayor Moshe Flieman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "The traffic police insisted, and the Municipal Council Committees concerned all agreed, though with a heavy heart. But there will be two consolations: driving will be a lot safer there now, and we are going to plant 100 trees in that neighbourhood."

Histadrut leaders defend Koor against Mapam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Yehuda Yudin, the Mapam head of the Histadrut Department for Workers Participation in Management, complained yesterday that Koor managers were dodging the Histadrut request to co-opt workers to its management. He was addressing Alignment members of the Histadrut Executive, as part of his party's campaign against Mr. Meir Amit, managing director of the large Histadrut concern.

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, revealed that Koor had agreed to introduce workers onto the boards of its enterprises in the course of the current year. Mr. Yudin, however, was not content: It was not a token representation on the board of directors which he demanded, but "an actual part in everyday management."

This prompted the Secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, holding company for Koor, to point out that Mr. Yudin had never uttered a word against the kibbutz industrial enterprises which refuse to admit workers to management. Moreover, Mr. Yadlin said, "the example of Solel Boneh, which Mr. Yudin claims was a success, is based on having workers' representatives on the board of directors, not among the actual managers."

There will be another meeting of the Alignment members of the Histadrut Executive before the matter is settled.

Boys jailed for bag-snatching with violence

TEL AVIV. — Three 16-year-old boys were sent to jail yesterday — two for a year and one for 30 months — for snatching handbags from eight women in one evening. Their names were not released because of their age.

The boys stole a Comet car on November 22 last and went out "cruising" in Ramat Gan. Whenever they spotted a woman walking close to the curb, they would drive the car closer to the pavement and snatch her bag. In two cases, when the victims resisted, they got out of the car, struck the women and knocked them down, and then stole their bags.

The two boys with no previous record got one-year terms, while the gang leader got a two-and-half-year sentence. He had received a suspended sentence for a previous offence only two months before his arrest for the present crime. *(Itim)*

Kan'an sees peace no closer now

LOD AIRPORT. — The Middle East is no closer to peace now than it was a year ago, in the opinion of the former mayor of Nablus, Mr. Hamdi Kan'an.

Mr. Kan'an took off on a Cyprus Airways plane for Nicosia and Beirut yesterday, on a trip he defined as "pure business." The only exception to his all-business schedule, he said, was that he planned to visit his son and daughter in Beirut.

The former Nablus leader refused to answer political questions, but indicated a pessimistic feeling about the chances for peace in this area and the political future of the residents of Judea and Samaria.

Asked about the treatment of these people by the Military Government, Mr. Kan'an said he had no complaints. He added that neither he nor anyone else in Samaria had had trouble obtaining an exit permit to travel abroad.

Beersheba to have large mental hospital

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A 400-bed mental hospital is to be built in Beersheba, the Minister of Health, Mr. Victor Shemtov, announced yesterday during a visit to the town. The Ministry has set aside the IL32m. needed for the hospital, and building work will begin in the second half of the year.

Mr. Shemtov began his visit at the Beersheba office of his Ministry where the local director, Dr. Viola Torok, briefed him on local problems. She said that the size of the district for which the office was responsible — some 13,000 sq. kms. with a population of 180,000 — was the main difficulty. There was also a shortage of staff and cars.

Mr. Shemtov then visited the Municipality, the University and the Kupat Holim Hospital. He came under heavy pressure from Mr. Moshe Soroka and Dr. Haim Doron of Kupat Holim, and Prof. Haim Hanani, Rector of the Beersheba University, on the subject of a medical faculty for Beersheba. Mr. Shemtov said that personally he was convinced of the need for such a faculty, but the decision did not rest with him alone. He promised, however, that he would support the suggestion when it came up.

Another subject which was raised during the Minister's tour was that of possible air pollution by Machteshim Ltd. and the Bromine plant in Beersheba. Mr. Shemtov promised legal and technical aid in combating the problem.

Mr. Haim Doron of the Merkaz Kupat Holim told the Minister that Kupat Holim alone would need 400 new doctors in the next year. He said that Government statistics on newcomer doctors were misleading because some of those counted as doctors were in fact dentists or veterinarians, and others do not have the proper qualifications. Another charge of Mr. Doron was that the Government was neglecting the principle of population distribution by not establishing a much-needed medical centre for Beersheba as exists in the three other main cities.

Francoise Sagan ends private holiday here

LOD AIRPORT. — The French novelist Francoise Sagan left here yesterday morning after a 10-day private holiday in Israel. Smiling and sunburnt, she told reporters that she had managed to remain *incognito* during her stay and "even the French Embassy did not succeed in finding me."

Miss Sagan, author of "Aimez Vous Brahms" and "Bonjour Tristess," said that she did not plan to write anything on this region, as she did not know enough about it.

Major parties to oppose Kalanterism

TEL AVIV. — The municipal affairs chiefs of the Labour, National Religious and Gahal parties yesterday resolved to continue to oppose attempts at *kalanterism* — deposing mayors and local council chairmen in mid-term by one councillor switching parties and thereby swinging the majority to another coalition of parties.

Messrs. Shraga Netzer, Zvi Bernstein and Ben-Zion Keshet, heads of the Labour, NRP and Gahal municipal affairs departments, convened specially to discuss the attempt to oust the Mayor of Ramle, and all three registered opposition to such a move.

Samaritan elder dies

TEL AVIV. — The leader of the Samaritan community in Holon, Toufik Yousha, died on Wednesday, and was buried yesterday at Mount Gerizim. He was 75. Yousha had a heart attack and was taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital on Wednesday where he died shortly afterwards.

Yousha was the head of one of the leading Samaritan families, which comprised a third of the community in Holon and Shechem. He leaves a wife, eight children and numerous grandchildren. *(Itim)*

Peki'in sacred well: practical and pastoral

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PEKI'IN, Upper Galilee. — A Talmudic solution has been found to the problem of maintaining the pastoral nature of the Well of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai — and at the same time allowing local residents to benefit from modern technology. Named after the founder of Cabbalism, the well is sacred to Jews, Moslems and Druse.

When the Local Council decided recently to have the well water piped for practical distribution to local homes — obviating the age-old custom of the townswomen carrying jugs of drawn water on their heads — Mr. Yosef Zeinati was sorely distressed. Zeinati, descendant of a family of priests who maintain that their ancestors have been living here since the destruction of the Second Temple, objected to the total "secularization" of the well water. He appealed to the authorities to try to preserve the sanctity of the site.

Meir Ben-Uri, an architect and historian, was asked by the Ministry for Religious Affairs to come up with a solution to the problem. He proposed that the Local Council channel the well water into a 20-inch main, from which a four-inch pipe would be diverted back to a fountain built on the site of the ancient well (leaving 96 per cent of the water piped to kitchen sinks and toilets).

As an additional gesture of spiritualism, Mr. Ben-Uri suggested that a structure be raised around the well, in local style, bearing an inscription of the blessing of the priests: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you ... and give you peace."

This solution appears to have brought peace to Peki'in — and would probably have pleased the second-century Talmudic sage, Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai, himself.

(According to Jewish tradition, Bar-Yohai and his son Elazar hid in a cave in Peki'in during the Roman seige. In answer to their prayers for sustenance, God created the well and a carob tree near the entrance to the cave. For generations, Jews, Druse and Moslems have lit candles at the site in honour of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai.)

Herut says: reject Jarring proposals

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Herut Central Committee has called on the Government to reject the demand for withdrawal contained in Dr. Jarring's latest proposals.

Herut warned that the policy of concessions only invited further international pressure for total withdrawal without obtaining any peace agreement.

U.S., LAOS, CHINA

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were killed. It also was known that three men aboard another downed helicopter were rescued, and that five men aboard a medical evacuation craft also survived.

One incident demonstrating the drama and intensity of the air war in the Laos operation was described by Associated Press correspondent Michael Putzel who talked with members of a rescue mission. It began when a medical evacuation helicopter approached a South Vietnamese support base inside Laos to pick up wounded rangers. The helicopter was shot down as it came it for a landing and the crew members took refuge in a bunker at the firebase as Communist gunners zeroed in with mortars, rocket grenades and small arms.

Another medical evacuation chopper attempted to land to pick up the crew of the first craft, but was hit by ground fire and had to turn back to South Vietnam. Another U.S. helicopter then flew into the firebase and picked up four of the five American crewmen from the first chopper, three of whom were wounded. The fifth man was left behind with the South Vietnamese unit until another helicopter could come in. Moments after the rescue helicopter took off, Putzel said, mortars and rocket grenades smashed into the spot it had left.

Military spokesmen have acknowledged the loss of 12 American helicopters and two fighter-bombers in Laos and seven helicopters lost on the Vietnamese side of the border since the drive into Laos began February 8.

On the ground in the Laos drive, however, South Vietnamese spokesmen reported their troops had pushed about 17½ miles from the border cutting the east-west route 9, and Routes 92 and 921 leading from it to the south.

Although there were no reports of major battles, there were indications the South Vietnamese force was running into stiffening resistance with an estimated four North Vietnamese infantry regiments in the region.

South Vietnamese headquarters said 591 North Vietnamese troops have been killed so far in the operation, while the Saigon Government losses were 130 killed and 493 wounded. From field reports, it is believed the South Vietnamese casualties may be running higher.

U.S. troops in South Vietnam, serving as a blocking and support force to the east of the Laos drive, continued to run into sporadic action yesterday. Brigadier-General John Hill, commander of an American task force in the north, told correspondent Putzel more than 600 tons of artillery shell fire had been poured in on suspected Communist positions in the rocky hillside north-east of Khe Sanh.

American battle casualties more than doubled last week as U.S. forces threw in 9,000 men to support the South Vietnamese thrust into Laos, a spokesman for the U.S. military command said. A total of 54 Americans died in the week ending last Saturday, as compared to only 24 the previous week, the spokesman said.

The figures bring American battle deaths in the war to 44,459, according to official figures. *(Reuter, AP)*

Boy loses fingers in cement mixer

TIBERIAS. — A six-year-old local boy, Ezra Hakim, lost three fingers of his left hand in a cement mixer on Wednesday afternoon. The boy and some of his friends were trying to turn the wheel of the mixer, which had been left on a street near his home by a building contractor. As his friend turned the wheel, Ezra put his hand into the mixing chamber and his fingers were crushed. He was rushed to the Poriah Hospital where doctors were forced to amputate three of his fingers. *(Itim)*

TODAY'S POSTBAG

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FLIGHT CONTROLLERS at Lod Airport yesterday threatened to hold a five-hour warning strike on Sunday morning, which would involve all of Israel's airports and paralyze air transport from five till 10 a.m. If their demands are not met by March 7, they warned, they will declare a labour dispute and "take all appropriate legal steps."

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NAZARETH MUNICIPAL high school teachers held a one-day warning strike yesterday against the non-payment of January salaries.

4,000 TREES were planted on Wednesday at Beisan in memory of the three little girls who were killed in Katyusha shellings there last June. The trees were planted at the entrance to the town, on the Afula Road, by schoolchildren from Beisan, Yardena and Beit Yosef.

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Sharef: We won't submit to foreign pressure on Jerusalem building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef said last night that the Government would not bow to international pressures to halt the building of housing developments across the former "green line" in Jerusalem.

"The Government sees Jerusalem as one city, and will not accept its redivision into eastern and western parts," he said.

Mr. Sharef was replying to a question on the Moked television programme about the presumably critical report U Thant is scheduled to make to the Security Council today on Israel's building plans in Jerusalem, which were announced earlier this week.

The Minister also said there had been no change in the Government's position as a result of the State Department's sharp criticism on Tuesday of the plans to build some 20,000 apartments across the former border in Jerusalem.

Mr. Sharef said the planned construction at Ramot (Nebi Samwil), East Talpiot (Government House) and Gilo (Sharafat) was merely an extension of the building programmes carried out during the past years at Ramat Eshkol and French Hill, which are also across the former "green line." He said there had been no change in Government policy regarding East Jerusalem since the decision to annex it in the summer of 1967.

Mr. Sharef said that the land expropriated for the development had been barren. Agricultural land had been spared as had any land with Arab-owned houses on it, Wakf property or church property. Asked why the Government had not expropriated and at Bitunya, near Ramallah, for housing, the Minister said the Government had decided not to build beyond the Jerusalem municipal limits.

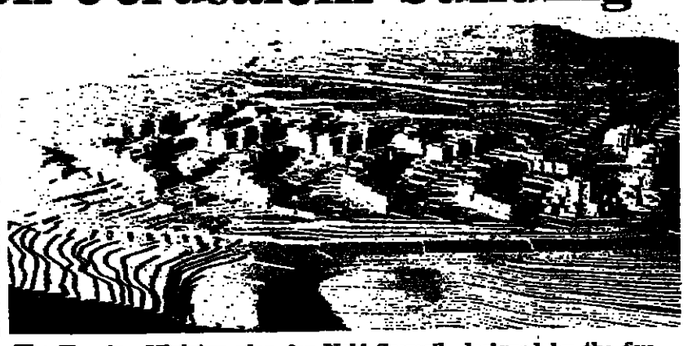
The Minister did not stress the political reasons for building quickly on the expropriated lands, as he had during his press conference on Monday when he first announced the building plans. Last night, he merely cited the need for more space to accommodate a rapidly-growing population, particularly immigrants. He said that half of the 2,400 units in the first building stage were destined for immigrants.

Responding to the charge that the Nebi Samwil and Government House developments would destroy some of the finest landscapes in the Jerusalem area, the Minister said buidings *should* be built in beautiful areas, and that the buildings themselves should express that beauty. He revealed that the Ministry had first thought of building 14,000 units at Nebi Samwil, but that the steep topography limited the number to 10,000. (The Ministry has since agreed to reduce the density to a measure still to be determined.)

Mr. Sharef denied charges that the planning for the three large developments had been hasty, or that the buildings scheduled to be put up were originally designed for other sites. He said that architect David Best had been working on the Government House plans for two years, and that the planners for the other sites had had six months.

He also denied a charge that the residential areas were doomed to become slums because of the small size of the apartments. He suggested that a 62-square-metre apartment should be satisfactory for a couple without children.

Mr. Sharef seemed much more relaxed than he had been at his press conference and fielded adroitly aggressive questioning by journalists Amos Aion and Yitzhak Tishler.



The Housing Ministry plan for Nebi Samwil, designed by the five architects who were dismissed earlier this week. (Newsphot)

Warhaftig under pressure on all sides over Rabbis' law

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The campaign against Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig is reportedly gathering momentum inside the National Religious Party, as he encounters more difficulties with the incumbent Chief Rabbis.

Critics of Dr. Warhaftig agreed at the NRP Executive meeting yesterday to wait until their National Executive Council session meets early in March to press their non-confidence vote on Dr. Warhaftig for what they charge is his mismanagement of Ministry affairs. They focus their criticism on the Ministry's failure to present a new Rabbinate Elections Law, two years after he asked for a further time extension to complete the bill. At last week's Executive session, he acknowledged criticism, promised elections "within the year" and complained of "my problems with the rabbis." He was also compelled to run the gauntlet of questions at this week's NRP Knesset faction session.

It is now learned that the Minister came under fire from the Chief Rabbinate Council on Wednesday. He reportedly spent an uncomfortable two hours with the venerable rabbis who told him that the law as it stands was unnacceptable to them. They object to the age limit of 70 set for Chief Rabbis, and to the proposal to make membership of the Supreme Rabbinical Court and of the Council mutually exclusive. Chief Rabbi Untermann is 86 and Chief Rabbi Nissim is 7'. The latter is also President of the Supreme Rabbinical Court. They also pressed him to reveal when he planned to hold new elections. Dr. Warhaftig did not specify.

The Minister said he would bring Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro to meet the Council next week in order to explain the law to them. He said that Mr. Shapiro insisted on inserting the age limit in the draft law, and was very firm in demanding that there be a clear distinction between *dayanim* and members of the Council, because the present situation meant a confusion of activity between the judiciary and the executive branch of established religion in Israel.

There are persistent reports from inside the Ministry that Dr. Warhaftig may seek a way out by asking for another two years' extension, and simply shelve the proposed new law. However this would be a political decision and opposition inside his own party is expected to create many difficulties in his path.

Saragat voices backing for Israel

LOD AIRPORT — The Italian Social Democratic party and its leader, President Giusseppe Saragat, have expressed their full support for Israel and called for a solution to the Middle East conflict without outside intervention. Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the party's congress which took place this week. Deputy Minister of Agriculture Ben-Zion Chalfon reported on these resolutions when he returned from the congress yesterday.

Shemtov sees Negev border changes

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Minister of Health Victor Shemtov declared yesterday that the Negev will be broadened under the terms of the peace treaty. Speaking at a luncheon in Beersheba yesterday, the Mapam Minister said that a million Russian immigrants would come to Israel after peace was made. "Only in the Negev, with its new borders, will there be place to settle them", he continued, "because we will not return to the borders of June 4."

1.2 kg. opium found on J'lem woman

More than a kilogram of opium was confiscated by police on Wednesday night at Jerusalem's Damascus Gate bus terminal. This is said to be by far the largest quantity of the drug to be unearthed by police in the Southern District. Five persons have been arrested in connection with the haul, and the police spokesman said more arrests are expected.

The haul was made by a detail of policemen from the Jerusalem Precinct's Special Operations Squad, led by Sub-Inspector Y. Amittai. The detail set an ambush and first pounced on a young woman who arrived at the bus terminal leading several little children. In a bag of childrens' clothes she was carrying they found 1,170 gr. of opium. The children and the clothes, it later materialised, were just a "front." In fact, the woman, who lives in Jerusalem, is unmarried. Later in the night, four other persons were arrested, among them the woman's brother and another man who accompanied her to the bus station. (Itim)

Egypt argues for 'peace' at Kuwait parley

KUWAIT (UPI). — Egyptian delegates boycotted the final day of an international symposium on Palestine on Wednesday. Conference sources said they did so because they were shouted down earlier when they tried to defend Egypt's support of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Delegates shouted "Down with political solutions" and attacked Cairo and Amman as "traitors to the Palestine cause."

The head of the Egyptian branch of the International Peace Partisan Movement, Khaled Mohieddin, and editor Ahmed Haroush of Cairo's influential weekly, "Rose al Youssef," brought uproar to the hall when they tried to speak. Sources said both men urged the delegates to be "more realistic" in their approach to the issue.

The four-day symposium, in its final resolution, affirmed rejection of any political solution not consistent with the aspirations of the Palestinian people. It upheld establishment of a democratic non-sectarian state in all of Palestine.

The symposium was attended by some 250 writers, professors, journalists and intellectuals from 50 countries.

Speer 'didn't know' of fate of Jews

HANOVER (INA). — Albert Speer, Hitler's Armaments Minister, testified at a trial here of seven former S.S. men that he had learned of the fate of Jews only at the Nuremberg trial.

"I know it is extraordinary for me to say that, as a Minister of the Reich, I was unaware of the "final solution" of the Jewish question, but it was Hitler's principle that persons in one ministry should know as little as possible about another ministry," he said.

The defendants, aged between 55 and 68, are accused of mass shootings of Jews and mentally sick people in Latvia during the war.

El Al pilot sets 2 records in week

LOD AIRPORT. — El Al pilot Yehuda Lev-Ran set his second flight speed record in a week when he made it from Munich to Paris in 51 minutes on Wednesday. The scheduled time for that flight is an hour and three minutes, and the previous speed record was 58 minutes.

On February 10, Captain Lev-Ran broke another record by flying from Rome to Paris in one hour, 21 minutes. The scheduled flight time for that trip is 11 minutes longer.

Aviation circles here pointed out that the records are doubly significant, since both flights were made against the wind. *(Itim)*

U.S. anti-spy system being overhauled

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Defence Department yesterday announced a major overhaul of its counter-intelligence and investigative operations, which it said have been abused by the army in the past in spying on civilians.

Assistant Defence Secretary Robert Froehlke announced the reorganization, which goes into effect immediately, and said it was intended to strengthen civilian control on the operations.

The shake-up followed bitter nationwide criticism last year after former army agents had reported they spied on civilians involved in the anti-war movement and other protests. Among those spied on were members of Congress and prominent national figures.

Mr. Froehlke also reported that the move, ordered by Defence Secretary Melvin Laird last December, has led to differences between civilian officials at the Defence Department and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "There has been much disagreement and differences of opinion, and many dislike the new promulgation," Mr. Froehlke told a press conference.

Mr. Froehlke, Assistant Secretary in charge of administration, conceded that in some cases the army had overreacted to its orders, that there had been abuses and that some of its activities had given cause for concern.

Under the reorganization — details of which will be announced later — Mr. Froehlke will be given responsibility for directing, managing and inspecting military investigative and related counter-intelligence activities. At present, he has no specific responsibility in this field.

The civilian under-secretary of each armed service also will be responsible for the conduct of the military spying activities in his department.

These activities in future, Mr. Froehlke said, will be confined mainly to such things as checking civilians with access to classified military material, protecting defence personnel against subversion, and safeguarding defence information.

Rash of fires in T.A. huts

TEL AVIV. — Three fires broke out at short intervals in central Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon. All of them were in huts, and the police are investigating the possibility of arson.

At 4.15 a fire broke out in a hut which serves as a furniture warehouse on Rothschild Boulevard. Firemen were soon on the scene and had the fire under control.

Soon after, another blaze began in a hut used as a drugs storeroom in Rehov Lilienblum. This time the firemen had to use special fire-fighting chemicals to extinguish the burning drugs.

A half-an-hour later, a fire was reported in a hut in the Rananim school in Rehov Pines. Three fire-engines soon arrived and the flames were quickly doused. No damage was caused to adjoining buildings.

Firemen end strike

The countrywide partial strike by firemen ended yesterday, following a meeting between their representatives, the Secretary-General of the Clerical Workers Unions and representatives of the Union of Local Authorities. The firemen agreed to return to full work when it was made clear to them that all parties concerned had indeed signed the collective works agreement, as the firemen had demanded they should.

The signing took place at the beginning of the week, but the dispute dragged on nonetheless due to misunderstandings. The firemen's partial strike during all of this week involved a ban on such tasks as opening jammed locks and pumping water out of flooded basements. They continued to answer all emergency calls.

'Figaro'

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and dedicated to the Soviet way of life.

"Those who want to go to live in Israel are not so numberous. Each request is studied with utmost care. Soviet authorities continue to issue exit visas in order to enable certain families to be reunited."

Mr. Rabinovitch denied that the Soviet Government equated the mere desire to emigrate to Israel with treason. He claimed that the defendants at the Leningrad trial were accused not of seeking to go abroad but of breaking the criminal law.

Yves Cuau, "Le Figaro's" Middle East and Jewish affairs expert, replied that, in quoting figures for Jewish students, Mr. Rabinovitch deliberately overlooked the existence of a quota system which operated as a *numerus clausus* against Jews.

He pointed out that, although the number of Jewish students had risen over the past few years, they represented a decreasing percentage of the Soviet university population.

Mr. Cuau added: "How can he explain that in 1939 10.8 per cent of the members of the Central Committee were Jews and that there is now only one inside this body?"

The writer concluded: "The best way for the 'bourgeois press' to get an objective picture would obviously be for it to receive the necessary permits in order to conduct a genuine enquiry inside the Jewish community in the Soviet Union."

Air Force major killed in crash

HAIFA. — Rav-Seren Shalom Noham, 43, who was killed in a road accident on Wednesday near Kfar Netter, was buried yesterday afternoon in the military section of Hof Hacarmel Cemetery.

The major's coffin was carried to the fresh grave on the shoulders of six Air Force officers. Noham had served with the Air Force since 1948.

Born in Jerusalem, he was a member of Moshav Hayogev in the Jezreel Valley. He later moved to Kiryat Yam.

Noham lost his life in a crash between a military tender he was driving and a private car on the Netanya-Tel Aviv road. The driver of the car and three persons who were riding in the tender were seriously injured. *(Itim)*

(Other accident reports — page 7)

N. Y. Stock Market down 3 points

NEW YORK. — In comparatively lighter trading, the stock market was off almost 3 points today. Analysts note that profit taking has become dominant in the absence of any motiviating news developments. Brokers add that interest rates probably have come down as much as they are likely to for the moment, and thus expectations of continuing cuts are no longer a bullish force in the market.

Further they say that investors may need some positive signs that the interest rate cuts are working as a stimulant to the economy, as expected. One form of encouragement would be increased consumer spending.

The number of shares traded amounted to 16,690,000, as declining issues outpaced advancing issues 943 to 462. The Dow Jones industrial averages index was down 2.94 and closed at 884.92.

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Alcoa	65¼	Ekodak	76¼	Litton Ind.	27⅝	RCA	32⅝
Amer. Can	41⅝	Fair Cam.	33¼	Loew's	39⅝	Reynolds T.	60⅛
Amer. Mot.	7⅝	Fair Hill.	12¼	Marcor	35½	Sears Roe	79
Ampex	19⅝	Fd.Nt. Mrtg.	65⅝	Mc Crory	22¼	Solit. Dev.	16½
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Anaconda	21⅞	Gen. Bat.	27½	Miles Lab.	50⅜	Syntex	47⅝
Avco	16⅛	Gen. Elec.	104¼	Minn. MM	103⅝	Teledyne	27¼
Beth. Stl.	22⅝	G. Fs. Corp.	84⅞	Monsan.	16¼	Telex Corp.	16¼
Boeing Co.	21½	Gen. Instr.	21½	Motorola	63	Texas Instr.	86
Bourns Inc.	14⅛	Gen. Mot.	81	Murphy Ind.	14¼	Time Inc.	47½
Brunswick	21⅞	Gillette	48⅝	Natomas	61⅝	Transwair	18
Borroughs	113⅜	Glen Alden	9¼	Occ. Pet. C.	21⅞	U.N.Carbide.	44⅝
Celanese	69⅞	W.R. Grace	33⅛	Olin Corp.	22¼	US Smelting	31⅛
Chrysler	27⅝	G. W. Fin.	24¼	Otis Elev.	42	US Steel	32⅝
Coca-Cola	86¼	Homest. Min	27⅝	Pac. Petr.	30⅞	Westg. El.	77⅛
Comsat	58¼	IBM	329¼	Panam WA.	15⅝	Witco Chem	27⅝
Cont. Data	60⅜	Int. Paper	36	Penn-Centrl.	6⅞	Woolworth	45⅞
Ct. Wright	13⅝	Int. T & T	56⅞	Pennzoil Un.	31⅞	Xerox Co.	94⅝
Dow Chem	82⅝	Itek Corp.	35⅝	Phil. Petro.	33⅝	Zenith Rad	48⅝
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OUTLOOK FOR SATURDAY: Partly cloudy with probable rain over northern and central districts.
WEATHER SYNOPSIS: Upper trough over the central Mediterranean is moving east wards.

Jerusalem	38	14—18
Golan Heights	33	6—17
Nahariya	51	7—22
Safed	40	9—15
Haifa Port	31	13—21
Tiberias	38	11—26
Nazareth	39	13—20
Afula	36	5—22
Beisan		
Shomron	41	14—19
Tel Aviv	45	10—20
Lod Airport	30	7—22
Jericho	22	12—24
Gaza	68	11—21
Beersheba	43	9—21
Eilat	12	11—27
Tiran Straits	45	12—25

ARRIVALS

Dr. Hildegard Hamm-Brücher, State Secretary in the Federal German Ministry of Education and Culture, and Mr. Nikolaus Schneider, director of bilateral relations in the Ministry of Science, for a week's visit.

Mr. Shaul Ben-Simhon, of the Histadrut Central Committee, from a mission to the U.S., Canada and Europe.

Rotary District Governor Uriel Shalev from India, where he attended Rotary district conferences in Bombay and Hyderabad, and the Delhi Club.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL100,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapais lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 295633 and No. 577815. Number 786055 won IL30,000 and numbers 023522 and 609423 won IL10,000. Tickets 249867, 568999, 580588 and 756996 won IL5,000. Tickets ending in 3 won IL3.

The following won IL1,000: 168602 424047 648096 796089 [illegible] 368968 555120 774113 [illegible] 510162 717328 071480 205480 [illegible] 701304 004074 174723 455875 and 681215.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Still booming

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three stocks became "buyers only" yesterday in the minor boom, precipitated by Bank Leumi's good business year continued to generate large demands and turnovers. Bank Leumi itself fell yesterday: An offer of 22,400 led to a one-point fall and the stock now stands at 271. However, it is believed that Bank Leumi's new investment fund, Bedolah, will be heavily over-subscribed.

The turnover was a medium high IL657,000, of which IL223,000 was in the variables. Dollar-linked bonds were irregular, index-linked rose slightly. The turnover in bonds was IL1,194,000. The investment dollar gained one agora to stand at IL4.13 and some $78,000 was traded.

The general index of share prices advanced by 1.41 per cent to stand at 126.22.

The three "buyers only" were Alliance (11,000), which rose by 3.5 points to stand at 684; Argaman Preferred (15,600) which gained six to 111, and Hadera Paper (49,800) which gained 8.5 and then 5.5, closing at 76.5.

Other stocks rose as follows: Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 Bearer (15,000) by one; Tefahot Registered (8,400) by 1.5; Africa-Palestine IL10 (14,000) by 3.5; ILDC (15,600) by 1.5 and by two; ICP (11,700) by 2.5; Property and Building (2,000) by 0.5 and by 2.5, closing at 110; New Aviv (10,400) by 0.5 and by one, closing at 31; Ata C (14,900) by four; Dubek (5,500) by 7.5; Sirmen (14,300) by 2.5; Dubek Bearer (20,600) by 7.5; Delek Registered (21,000) by five; Export Investment (12,500) by 1.5; Paz (6,300) by 0.5, and by two, closing at 72; Discount Investment (13,900) by 3.5, and Foreign Trade Investment (1,000) by one and by two, closing at 48.

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Absorption Loan, 65	138.5	138.5
Defence Loan, 69	105.1	105.1
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	55	55.5
Union Bank of Israel — O.	114.5	114.5
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	211.6	210
I.D.B. Co. — O.	107	108
Gen. Mort. Bank — O.	183.5	183
Pal.-British Bank — O.	155	155
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	220.5	223.5
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	124	125
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	121.5	123.5
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	273	271
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg. — "D" O.	99.5	102.5
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	196	198
Industrial Dev. Bk. — 8% P.O.	90	88
Develop. & Mort. Bank — O.T.	177.5	177.5
Housing Mort. Bank — O.	137.5	138
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	88	88
Isr. Cent. Tr. & Inv.	103.5	105
Hasmeh Ins. Co. — O.	115.5	117
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer — O. IL1	54.5	54.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer — O. IL10	42.5	44
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	140.5	142.5
Tefahot Isr. Mortg. Bank — O.	141	142.5
Sahar — "C" O.	97.5	98
Azorim — O.	90	94
Africa-Pal. Investment — O. IL10	124	127.5
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O. Reg.	93	93
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	92	95
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant — O.	56	58.5
Property & Build. Corp. O.	107	108.5
Mehadrin	122.5	125.5
Pri Or Ltd.	128	128
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	88.5	88.5
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	40.5	41.5
Rassco — O	28.5	29.5
Isras	50.5	50.5
Neot Aviv — O.	29.5	30
Alliance — B.T.	651	654
"Elco" Isr. E.L.-Mech In. — O.T.	89.5	90.5
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	95	101
"Ata" — "C" O.	98	102.5
Motor House — O.	52	54.5
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	142.5	150
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co. — O. IL10	96	97.5
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	98.5	100.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	85.5	86.5
Lightcrage Supply Co. — O.	70	73
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	37	38
Lewin Epstein — 6% P.O.T.	64.5	64.5
Moller Textile — O.	113.5	113.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	113	113.5
Teva — O.T.	379	388
Phonecia 8% P.O.T.	58	59
Paper Mills — O.	162.5	171
Assis "B" — O.	134.5	138
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	77.5	81
"Tsal" Man. of Plywood — O.	135	136.5
Delek "C" — O.	109	114.5
Elgar — O.	57	57
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	125.5	129.5
Bank Hapoalim Inv. — O.	115	116
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	38.5	40
Pex Investment Develop. — O.	69.5	70
Amps Investment — O.	73	76
Discount Bk. Inv. Cor. — O.T.	146	150.5
Japhet Bank Invest. Cor. — O.	81	81
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	164	164.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O	45	46
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	113	115
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co. — O.	44.5	45.5
"Piryon" Inv. Trust — "B" Sh.	61	61.5
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	94	94
Naphtha — O.T.	85	88.5
Lapidoth — O.	70.5	71.5

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